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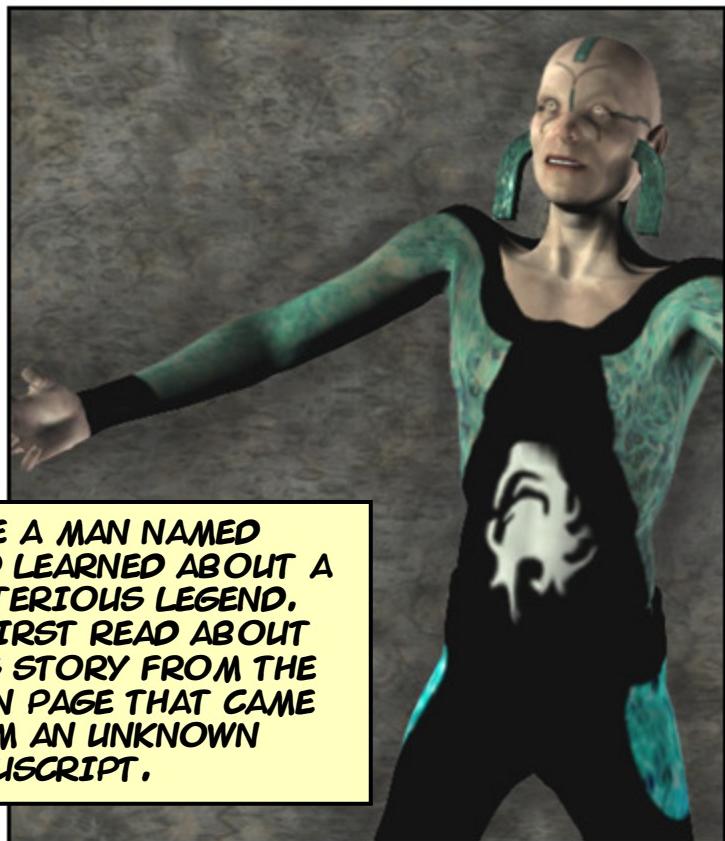
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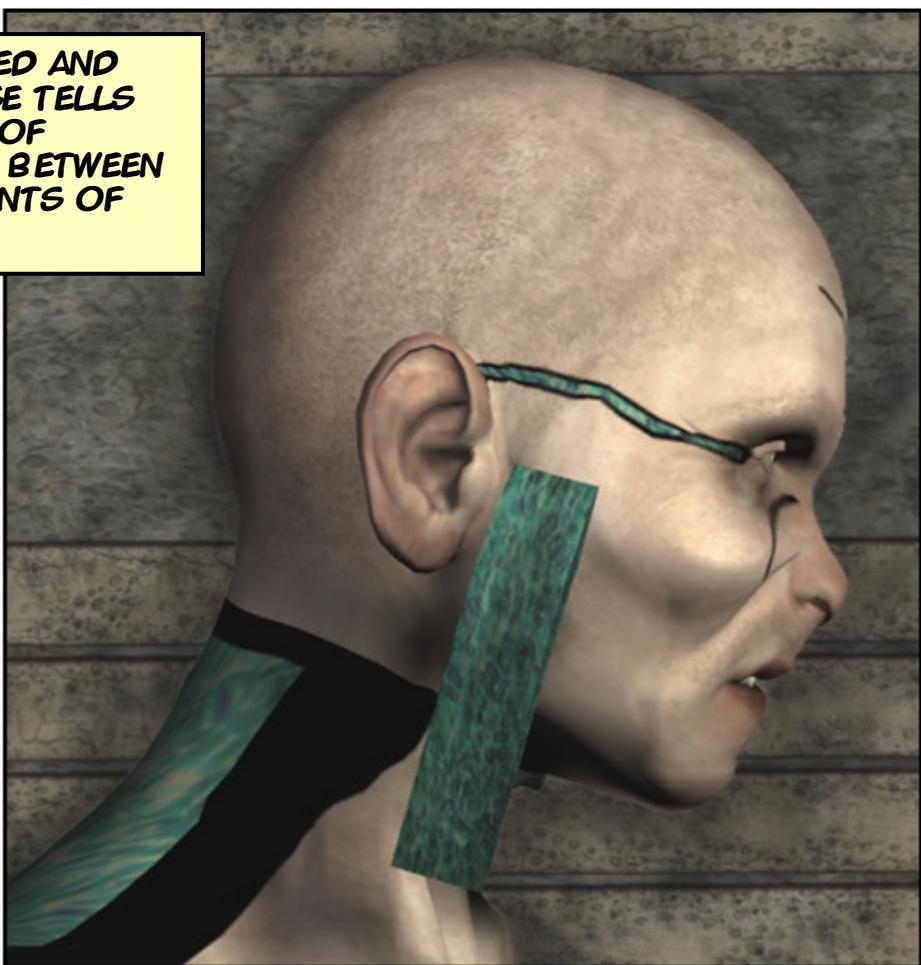
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AVID

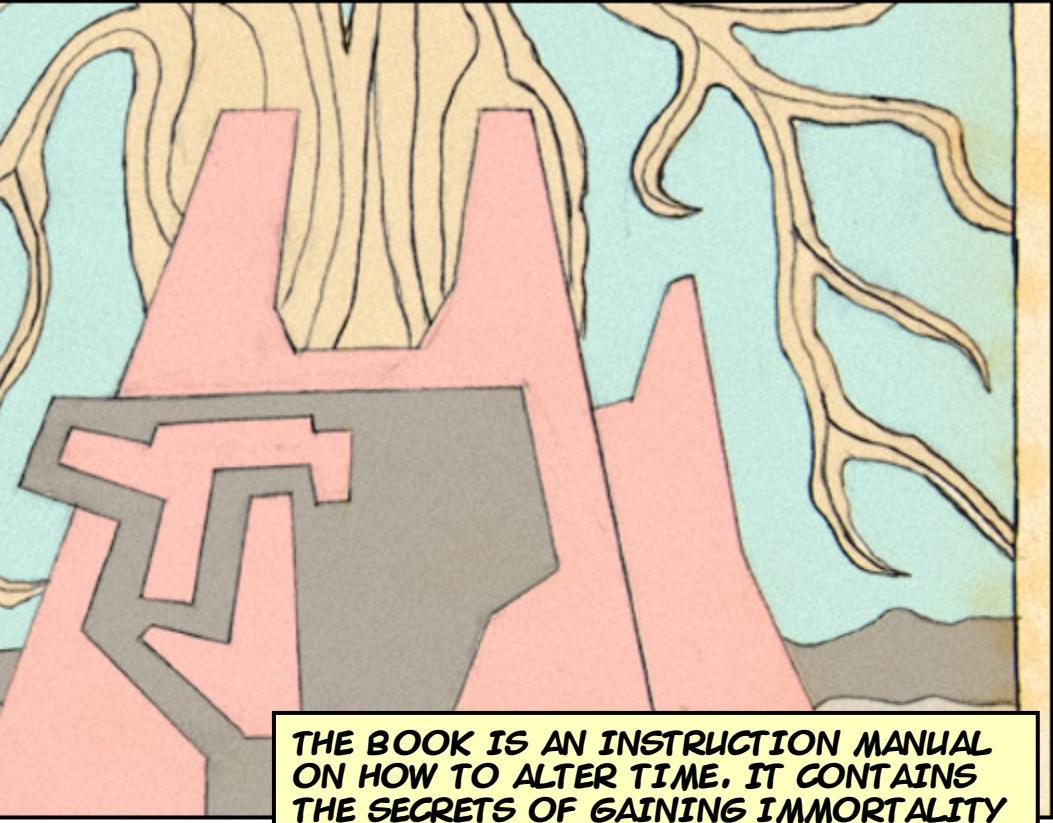


ONCE A MAN NAMED
AVID LEARNED ABOUT A
MYSTERIOUS LEGEND.
HE FIRST READ ABOUT
THIS STORY FROM THE
TORN PAGE THAT CAME
FROM AN UNKNOWN
MANUSCRIPT.

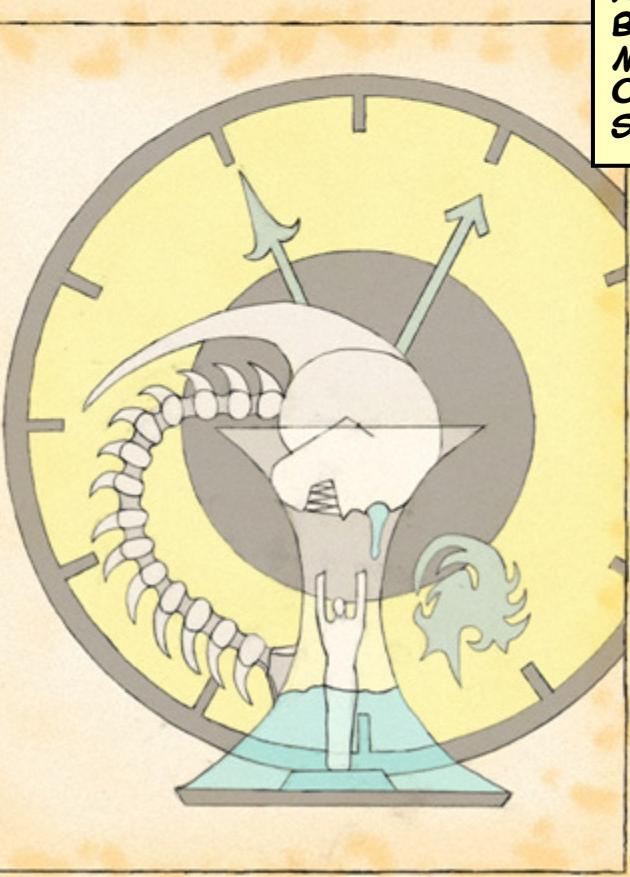


THIS RIPPED AND
FADED PAGE TELLS
OF A WAY OF
LIVING IN BETWEEN
THE MOMENTS OF
TIME.

THAT DAY AVID DECIDED THAT HE MUST HAVE THIS BOOK. AFTER MANY YEARS OF RESEARCH, AVID FINALLY LOCATES THE ABANDONED STRUCTURE. THIS RUINED BUILDING WAS THE HOME OF THE MASKED LEADER AND THE ANCIENT PEOPLE.

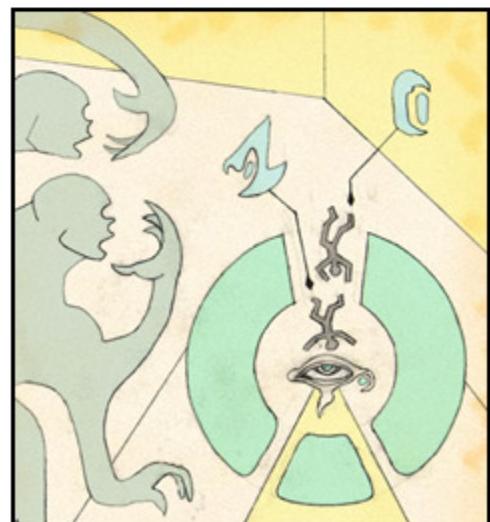
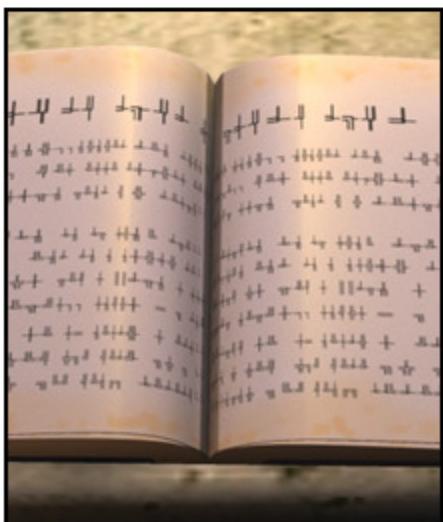


THE BOOK IS AN INSTRUCTION MANUAL ON HOW TO ALTER TIME. IT CONTAINS THE SECRETS OF GAINING IMMORTALITY AND BRINGING BACK THOSE LONG DEAD BACK THROUGH TIME. TO AVID'S ANGER MUCH OF THE WORDS HAVE FADED. MANY OF THE IMPORTANT STEPS THE BOOK SPEAKS OF ARE MISSING.

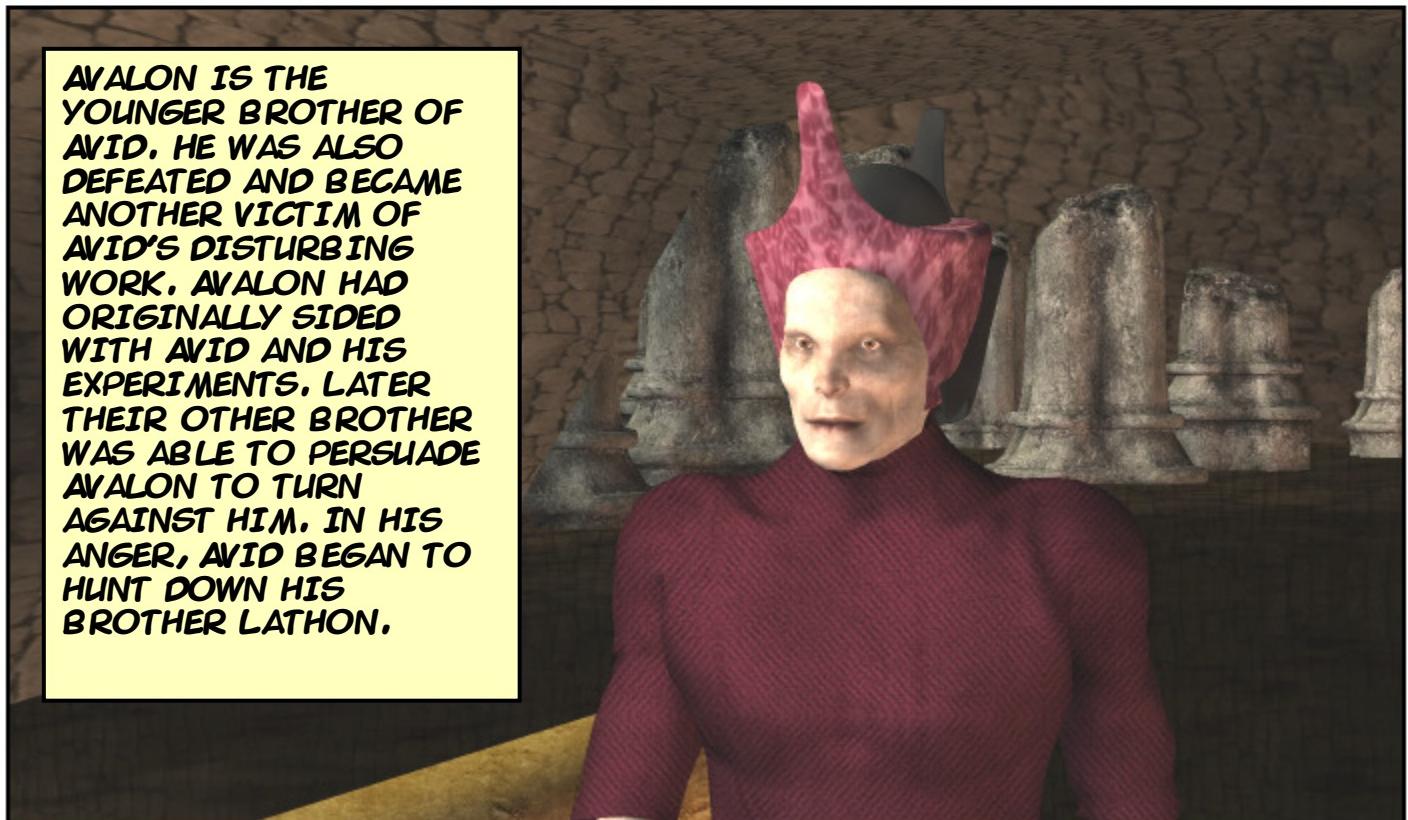


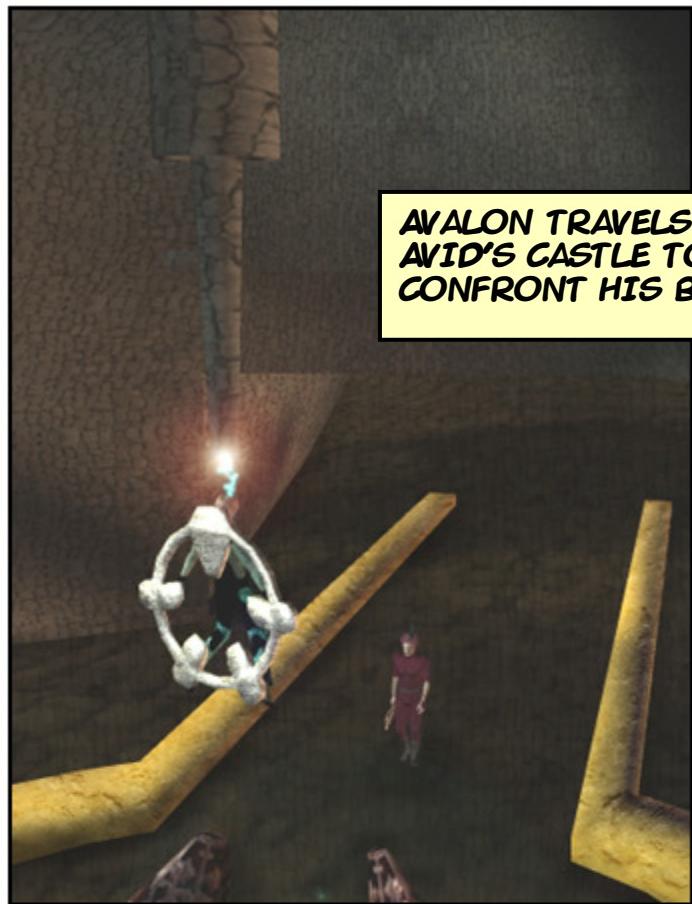
AVID BEGINS EXPERIMENTING. HE LEARNS GHOSTS ARE NOT SPIRITS OF THE DEAD, BUT THE AFTER IMAGE OF ANOTHER TIME. FADED IMAGES OR SOUNDS BEING TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESENT FROM A PAST EVENT. THIS PAST EVENT TRAPPED BETWEEN THE MOMENTS OF TIME.

WITH THIS KNOWLEDGE, AVID BEGINS TAKING PEOPLE FROM THE SURROUNDING TOWNS. HE EVENTUALLY TURNS ON HIS OWN TWO BROTHERS. HE SLOWLY LEARNS THE ANCIENT SECRETS. AVID HOPES TO SOME DAY JOIN THE ANCIENT PEOPLE IN THE VOID OF TIME.

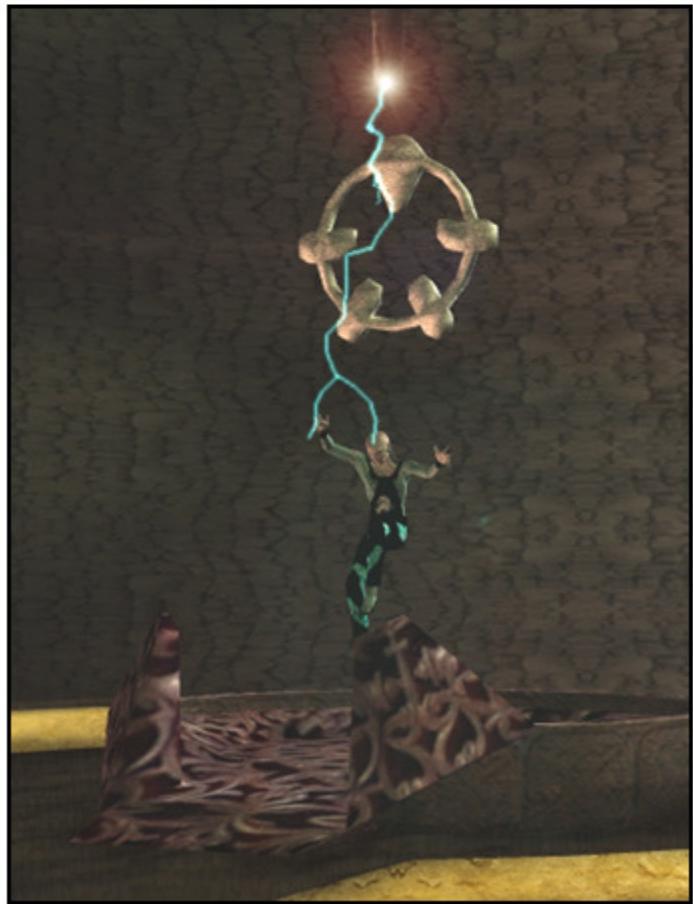


AVALON



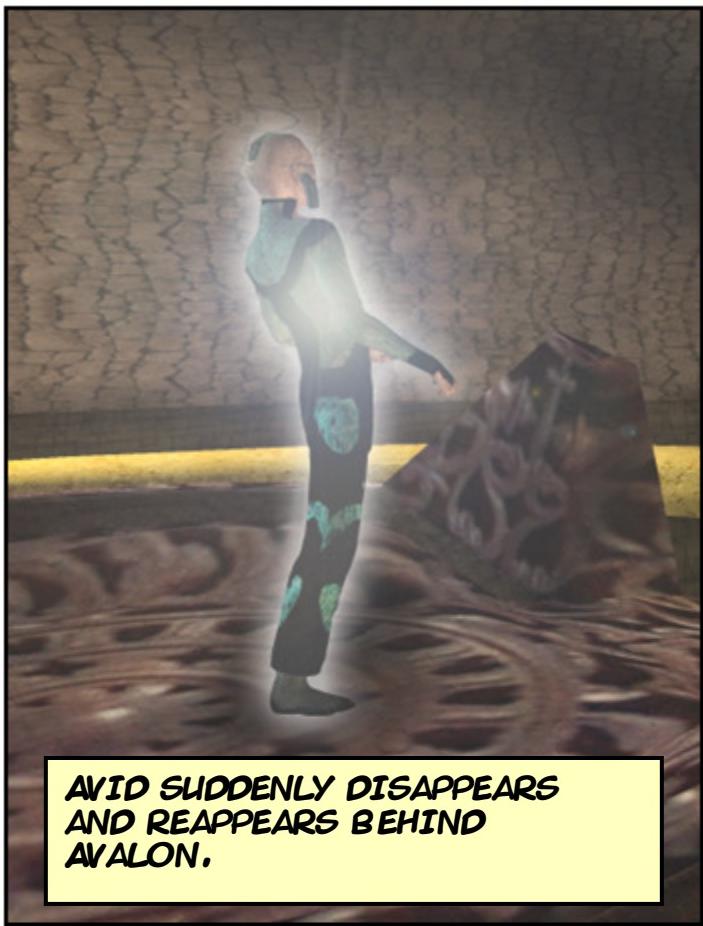


AVALON TRAVELS TO
AVID'S CASTLE TO
CONFRONT HIS BROTHER.

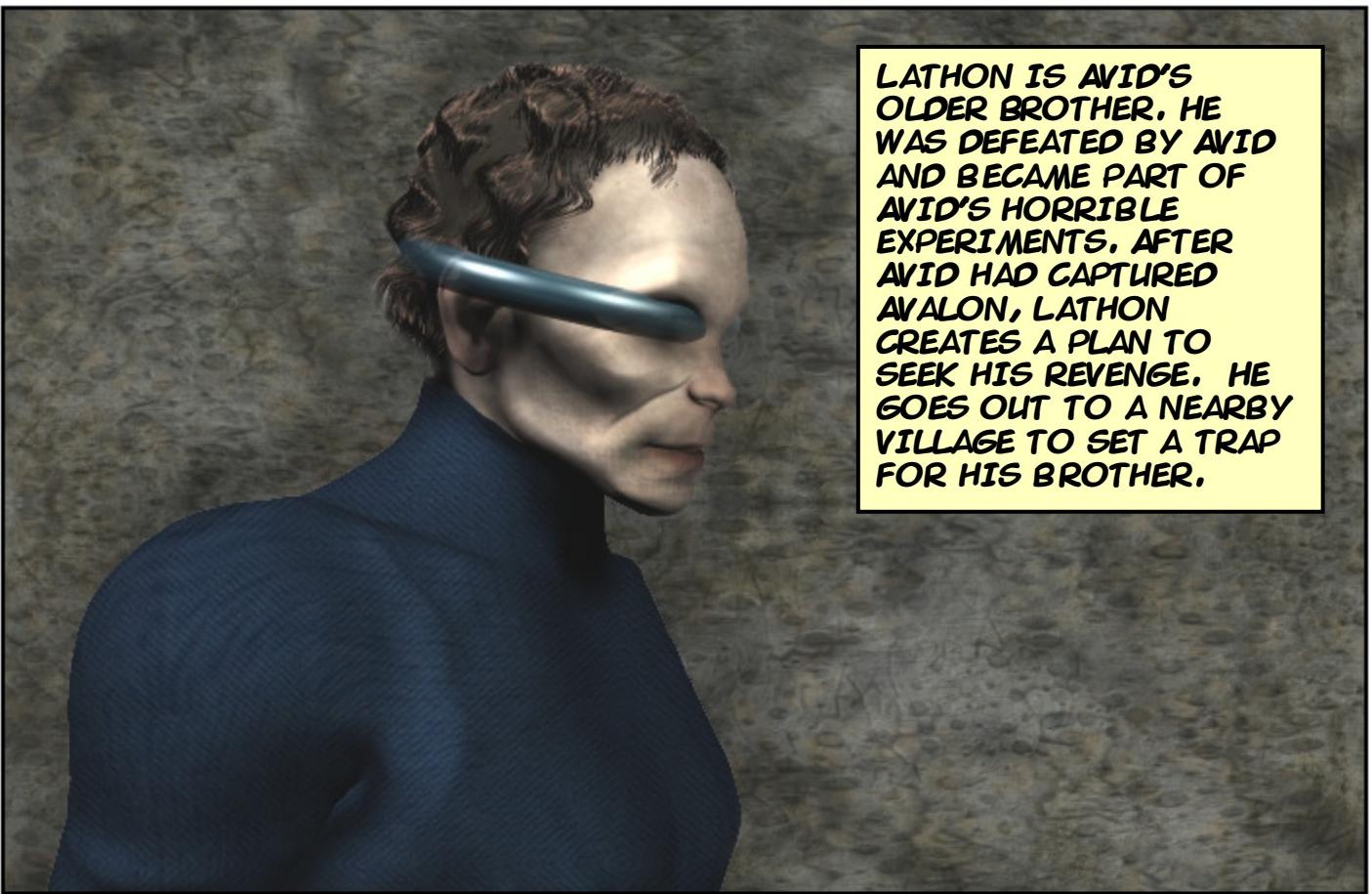


I'M
DISAPPOINTED
THAT YOU CHOSE
TO TAKE
LATHON'S SIDE.

I'VE COME HERE
TO GIVE YOU ONE
LAST CHANCE.
LEAVE LATHON
ALONE!

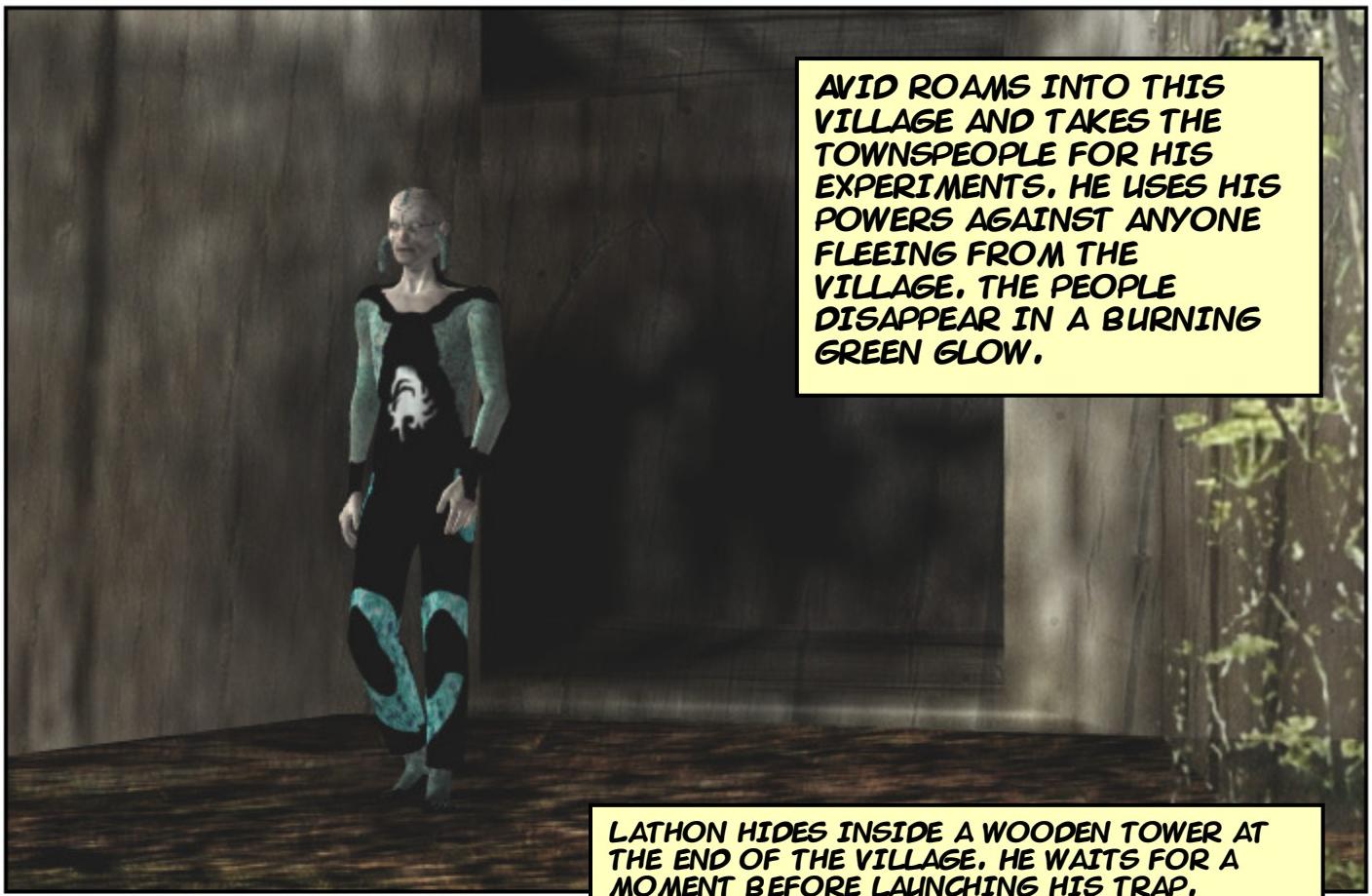


LATHON

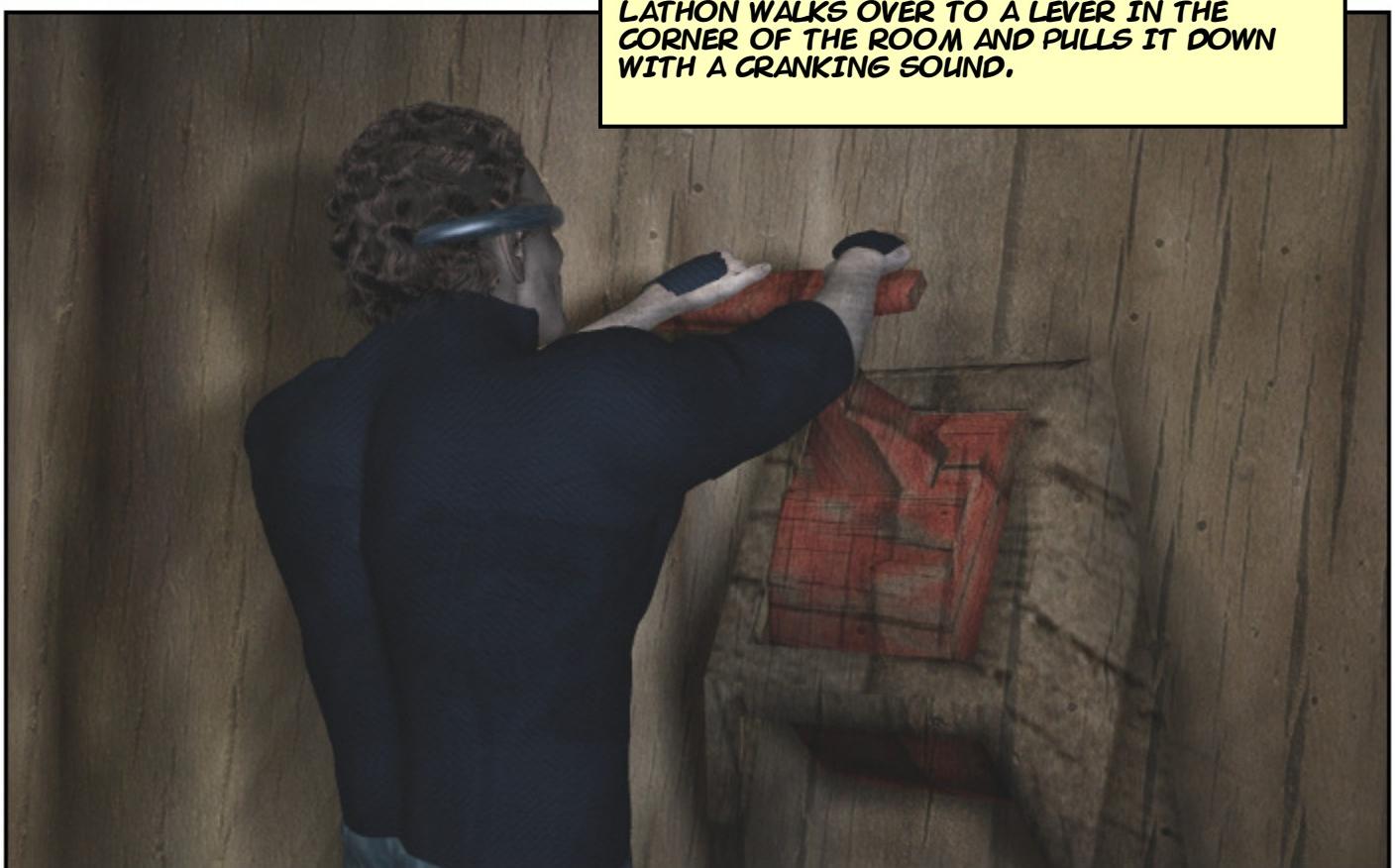


LATHON IS AVID'S OLDER BROTHER. HE WAS DEFEATED BY AVID AND BECAME PART OF AVID'S HORRIBLE EXPERIMENTS. AFTER AVID HAD CAPTURED AVALON, LATHON CREATES A PLAN TO SEEK HIS REVENGE. HE GOES OUT TO A NEARBY VILLAGE TO SET A TRAP FOR HIS BROTHER.





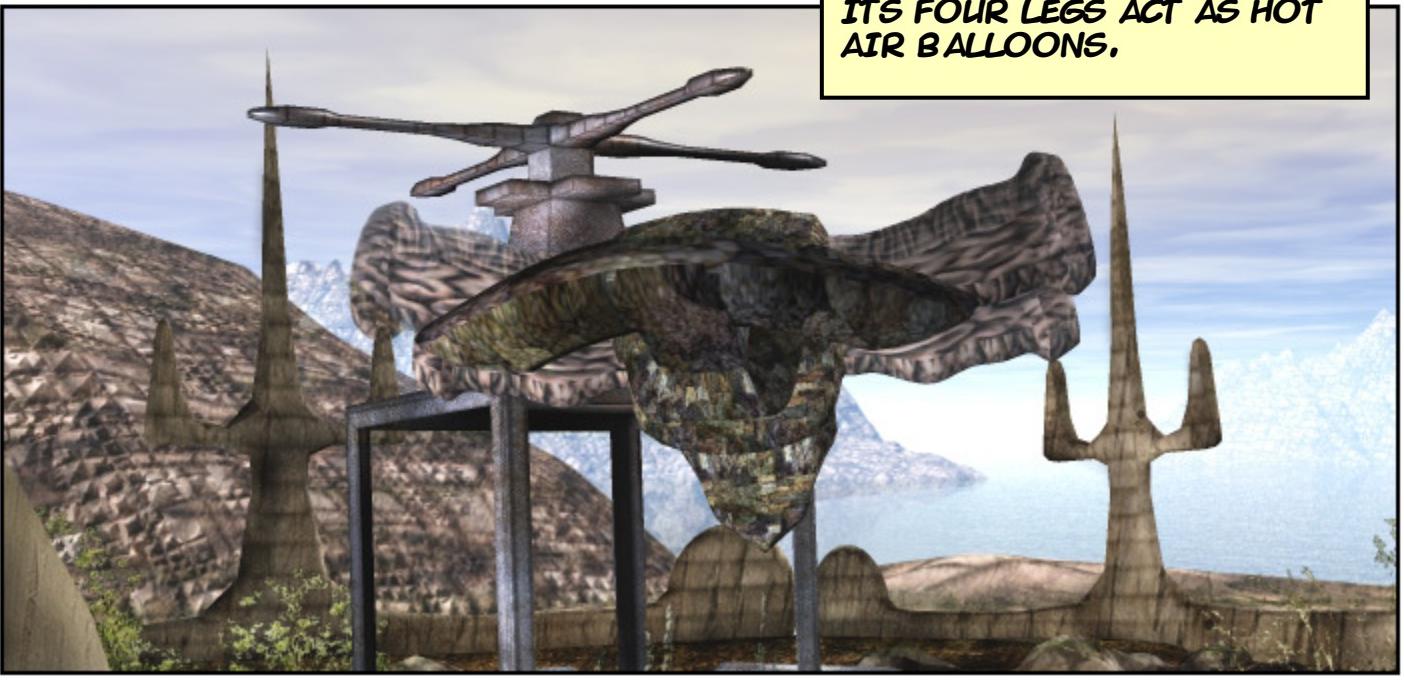
AVID ROAMS INTO THIS VILLAGE AND TAKES THE TOWNSPEOPLE FOR HIS EXPERIMENTS. HE USES HIS POWERS AGAINST ANYONE FLEEING FROM THE VILLAGE. THE PEOPLE DISAPPEAR IN A BURNING GREEN GLOW.



LATHON HIDES INSIDE A WOODEN TOWER AT THE END OF THE VILLAGE. HE WAITS FOR A MOMENT BEFORE LAUNCHING HIS TRAP. LATHON WALKS OVER TO A LEVER IN THE CORNER OF THE ROOM AND PULLS IT DOWN WITH A CRANKING SOUND.



JUST OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE, A TALL FOUR SIDED CAGE OPENS WITH A LARGE BANG.



A GIANT ANIMAL BEGINS TO FLOAT OUT OF THE CAGE. ITS FOUR LEGS ACT AS HOT AIR BALLOONS.



THE ANIMAL SWOOPS DOWN INTO THE VILLAGE AND HOVERS OVER AVID.

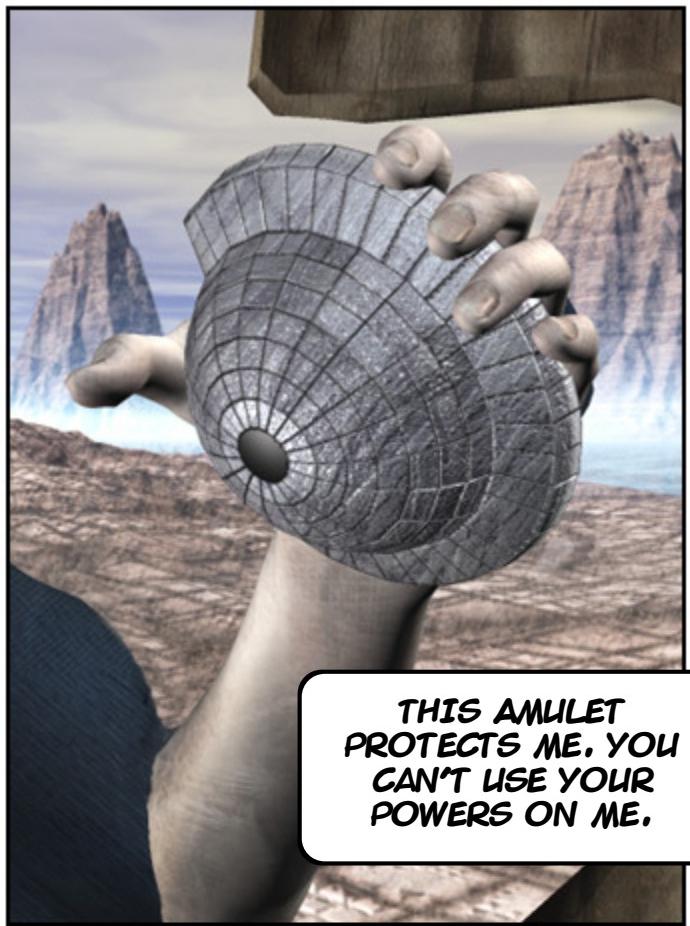


AVID RAISES HIS ARMS IN THE AIR AND CLENCHES HIS FIST. THE ANIMAL SUDDENLY BLURS AND FREEZES IN TIME.



LATHON RUNS OUT OF THE TOWER AND FIRES A SHOT FROM HIS GUN. THE SHOT SLAMS INTO AVID, KNOCKING HIM INTO THE GROUND. LATHON STANDS OVER THE INJURED AVID.

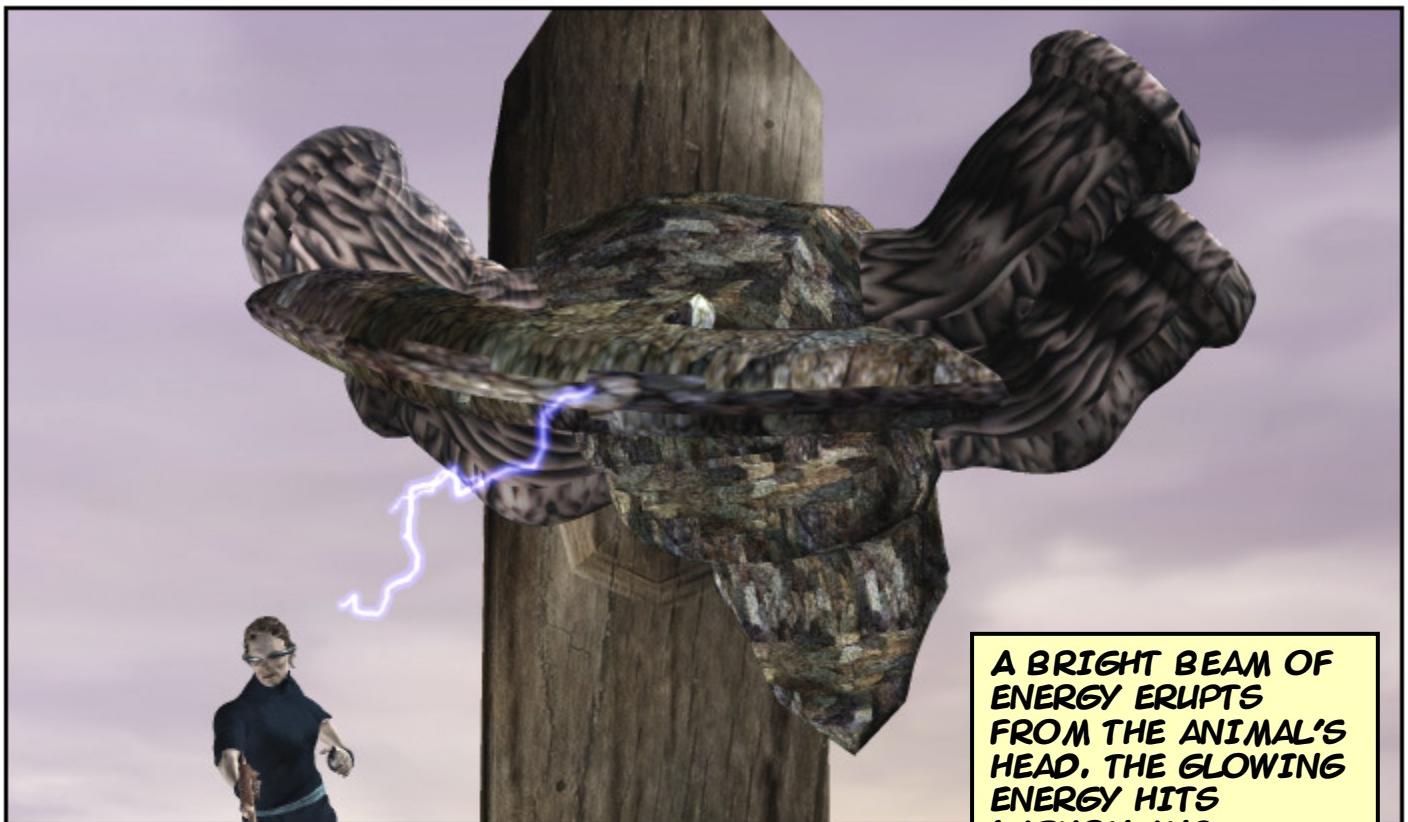




THIS AMULET
PROTECTS ME. YOU
CAN'T USE YOUR
POWERS ON ME.



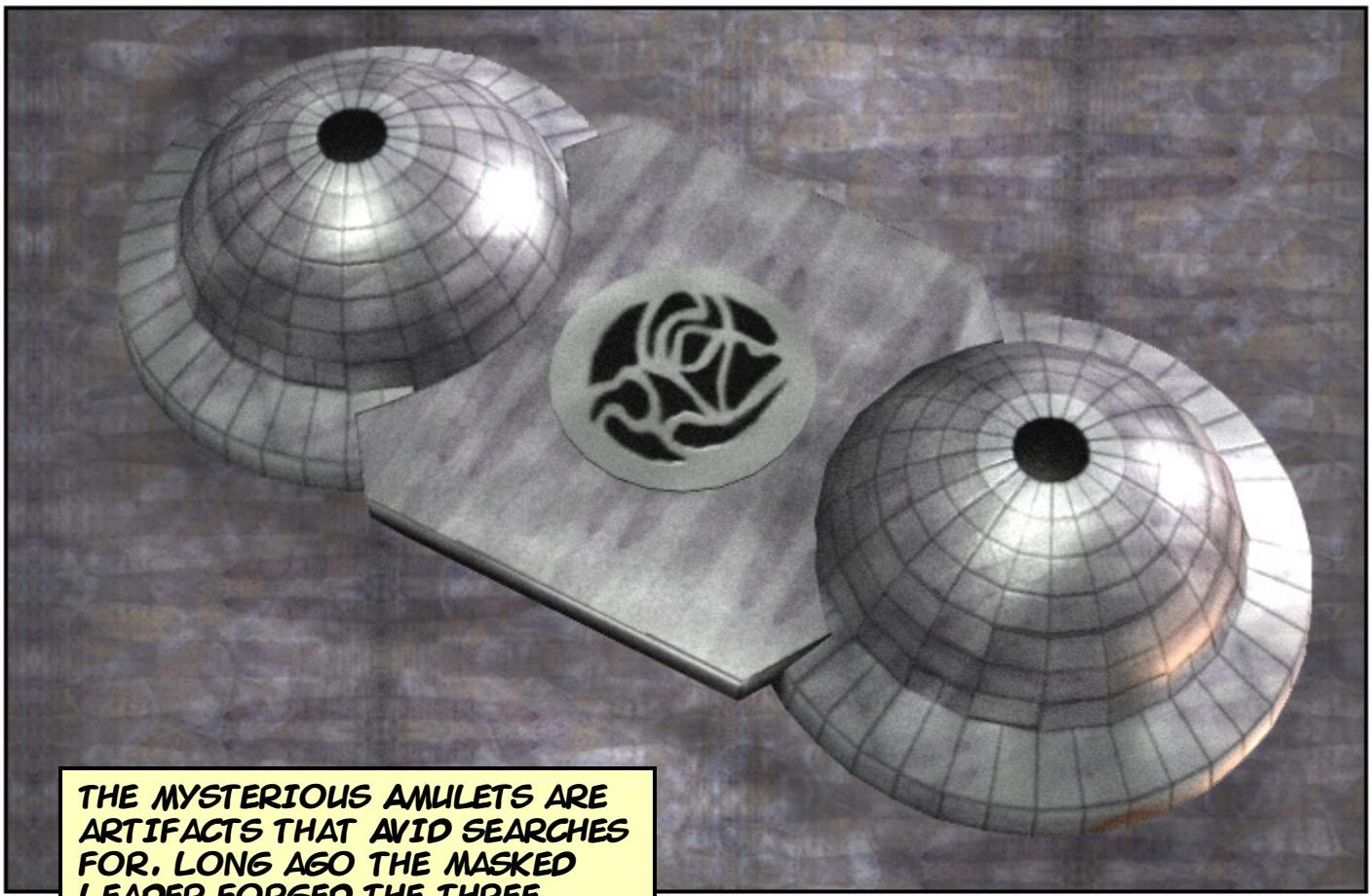
AVID REACHES UP
INTO THE SKY
AND UNFREEZES
THE FLOATING
ANIMAL AND
FORCES THE
CREATURE TO
ATTACK LATHON.



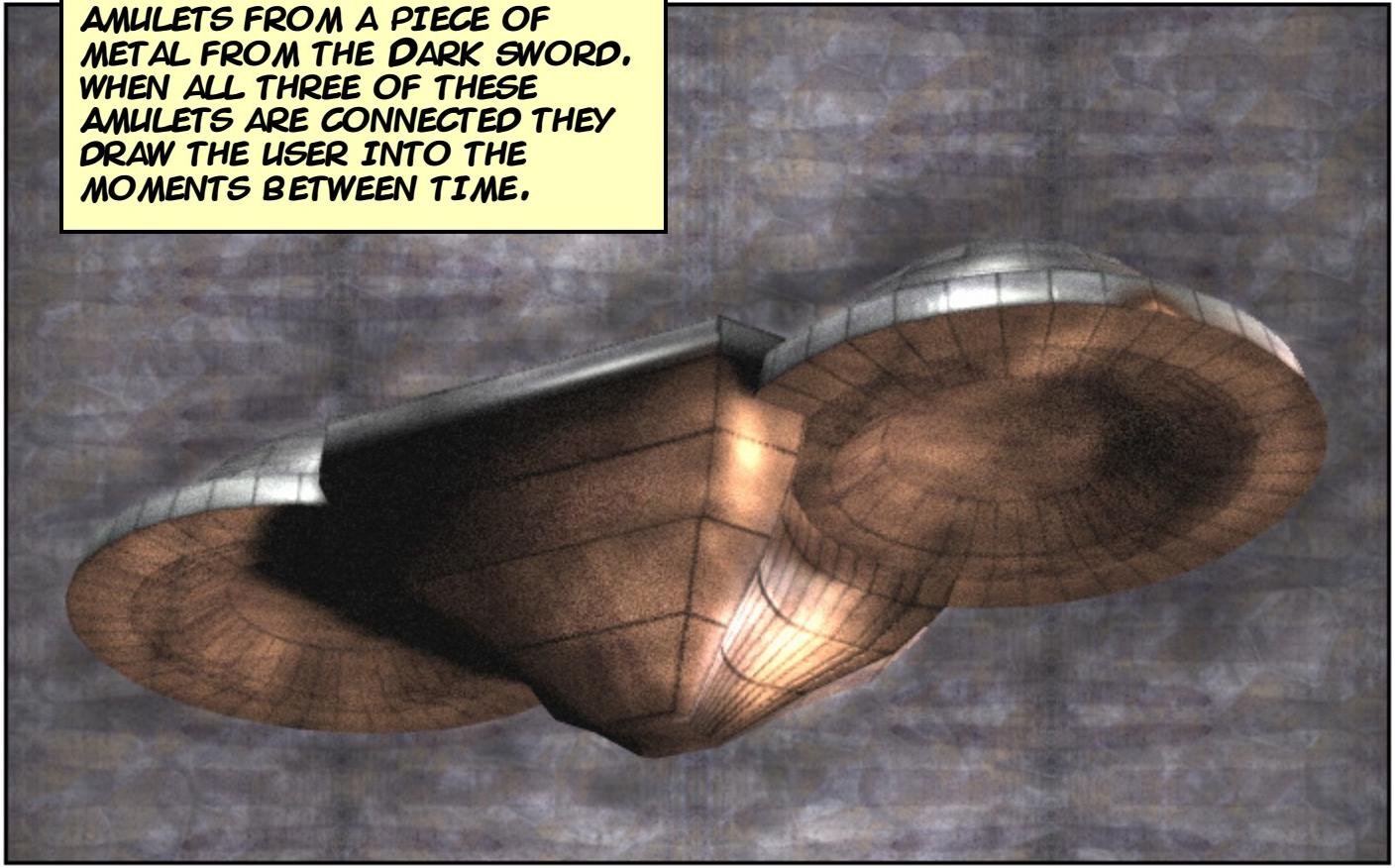
A BRIGHT BEAM OF ENERGY Erupts FROM THE ANIMAL'S HEAD. THE GLOWING ENERGY HITS LATHON AND KNOCKS HIM TO THE GROUND.



THE AMULETS

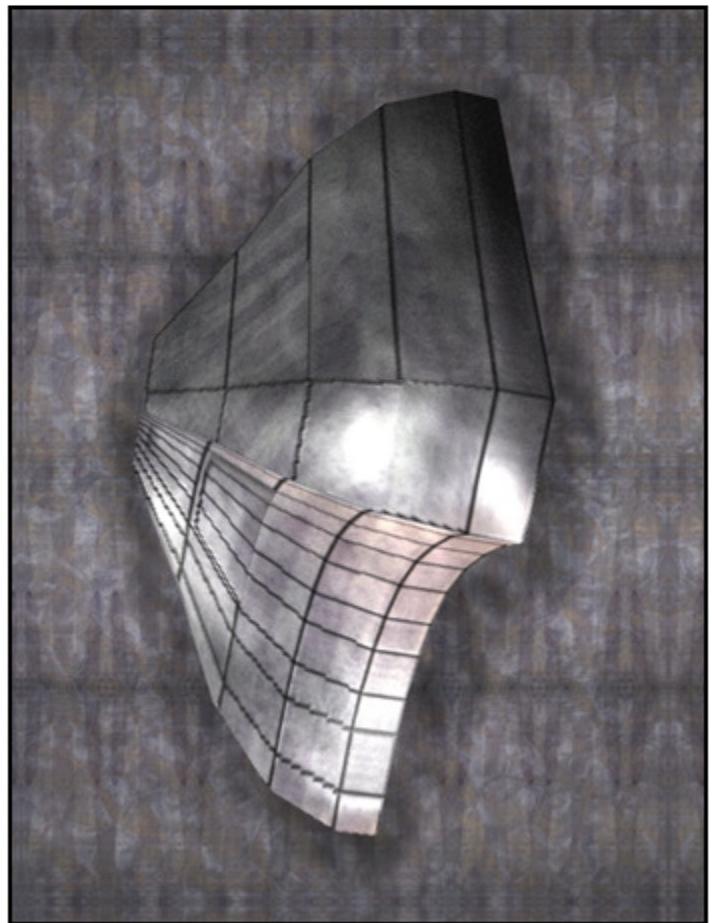
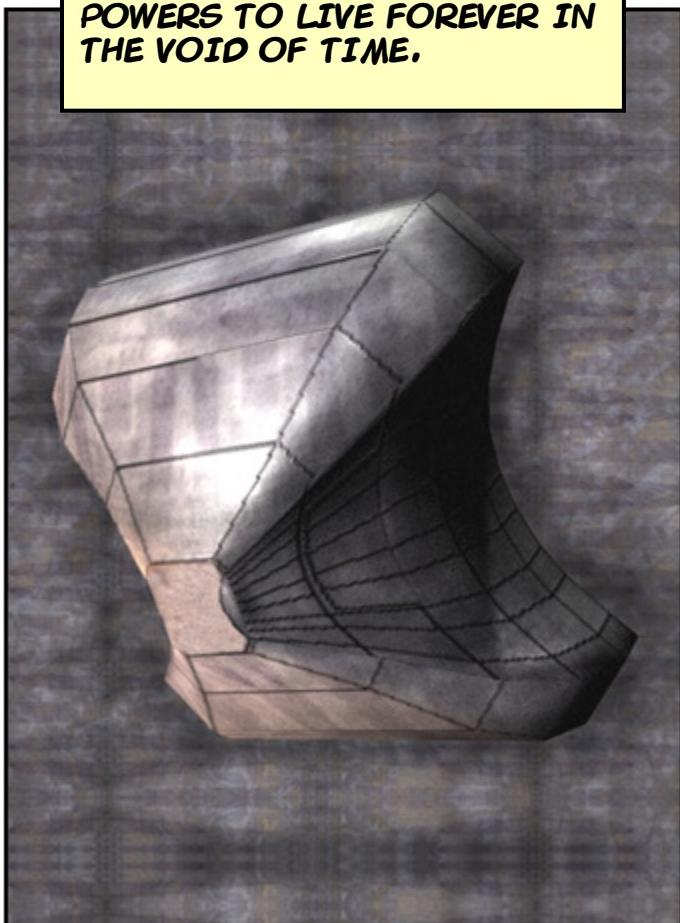


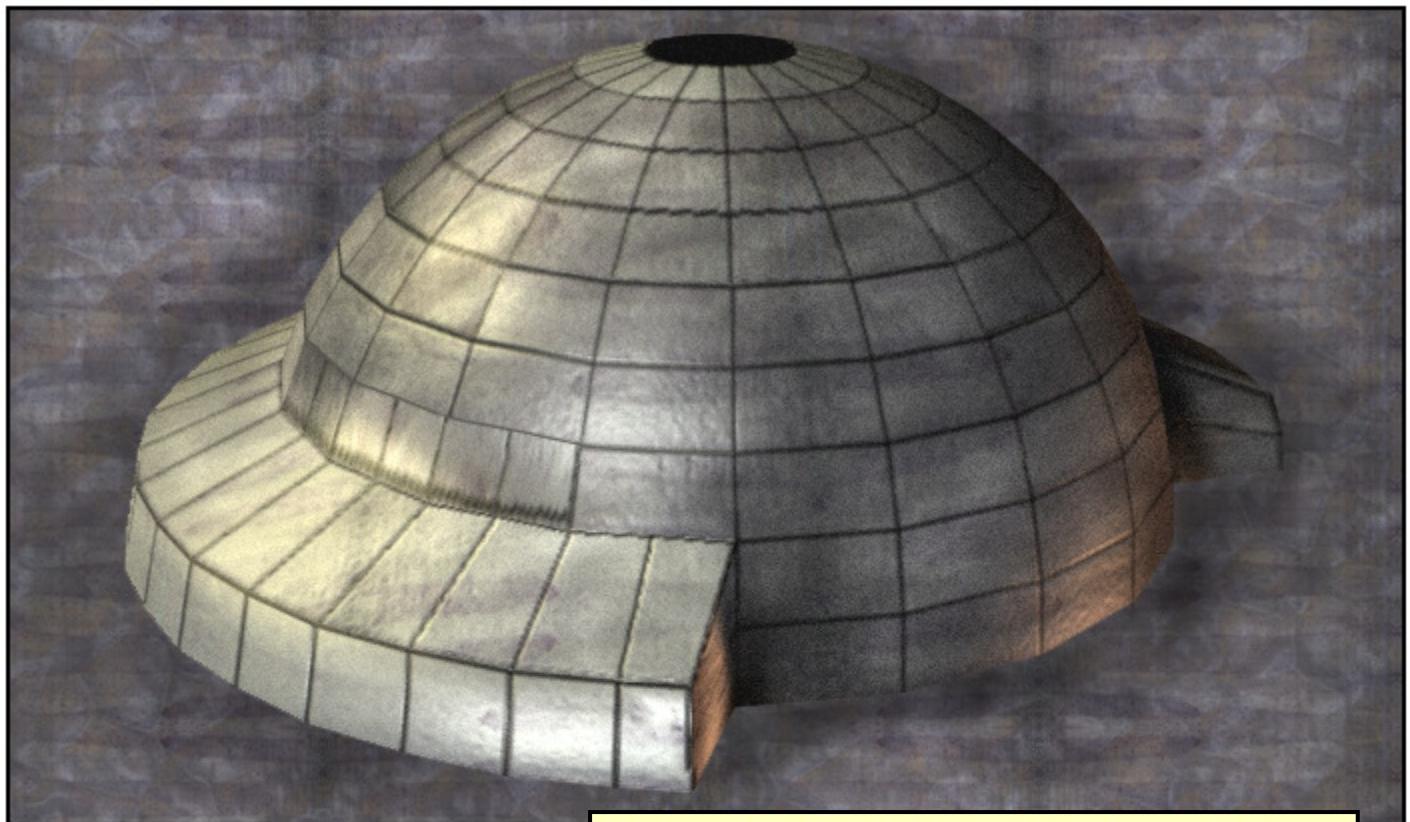
THE MYSTERIOUS AMULETS ARE ARTIFACTS THAT AVID SEARCHES FOR. LONG AGO THE MASKED LEADER FORGED THE THREE AMULETS FROM A PIECE OF METAL FROM THE DARK SWORD. WHEN ALL THREE OF THESE AMULETS ARE CONNECTED THEY DRAW THE USER INTO THE MOMENTS BETWEEN TIME.



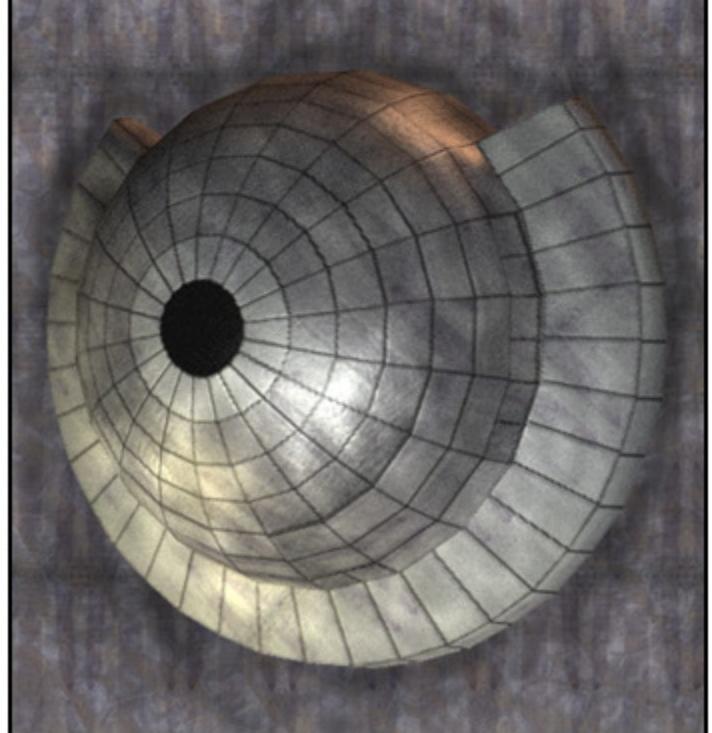
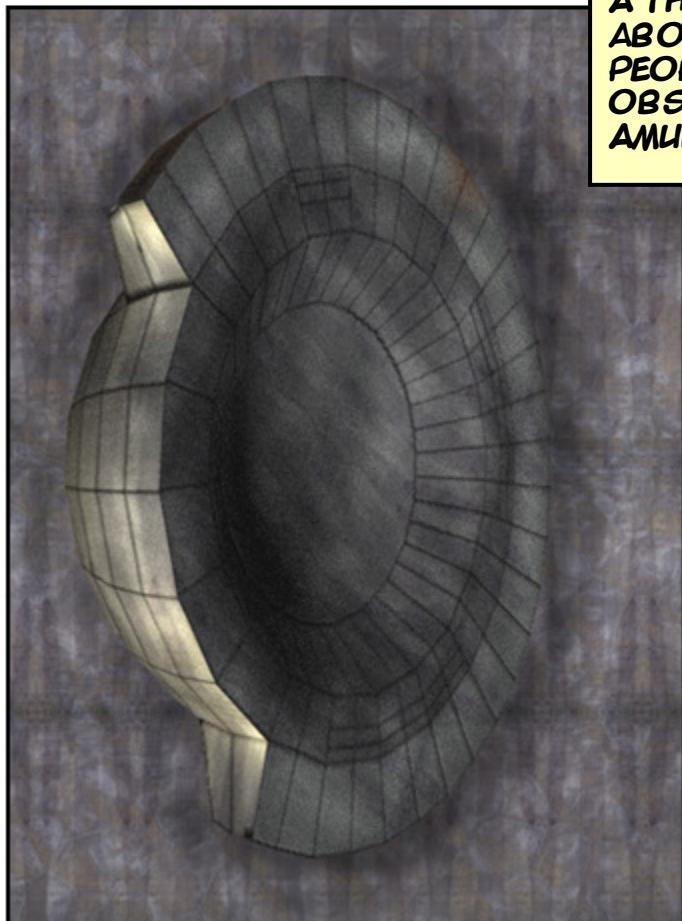


THE MASKED LEADER AND THE
ANCIENT PEOPLE USED THEIR
POWERS TO LIVE FOREVER IN
THE VOID OF TIME.

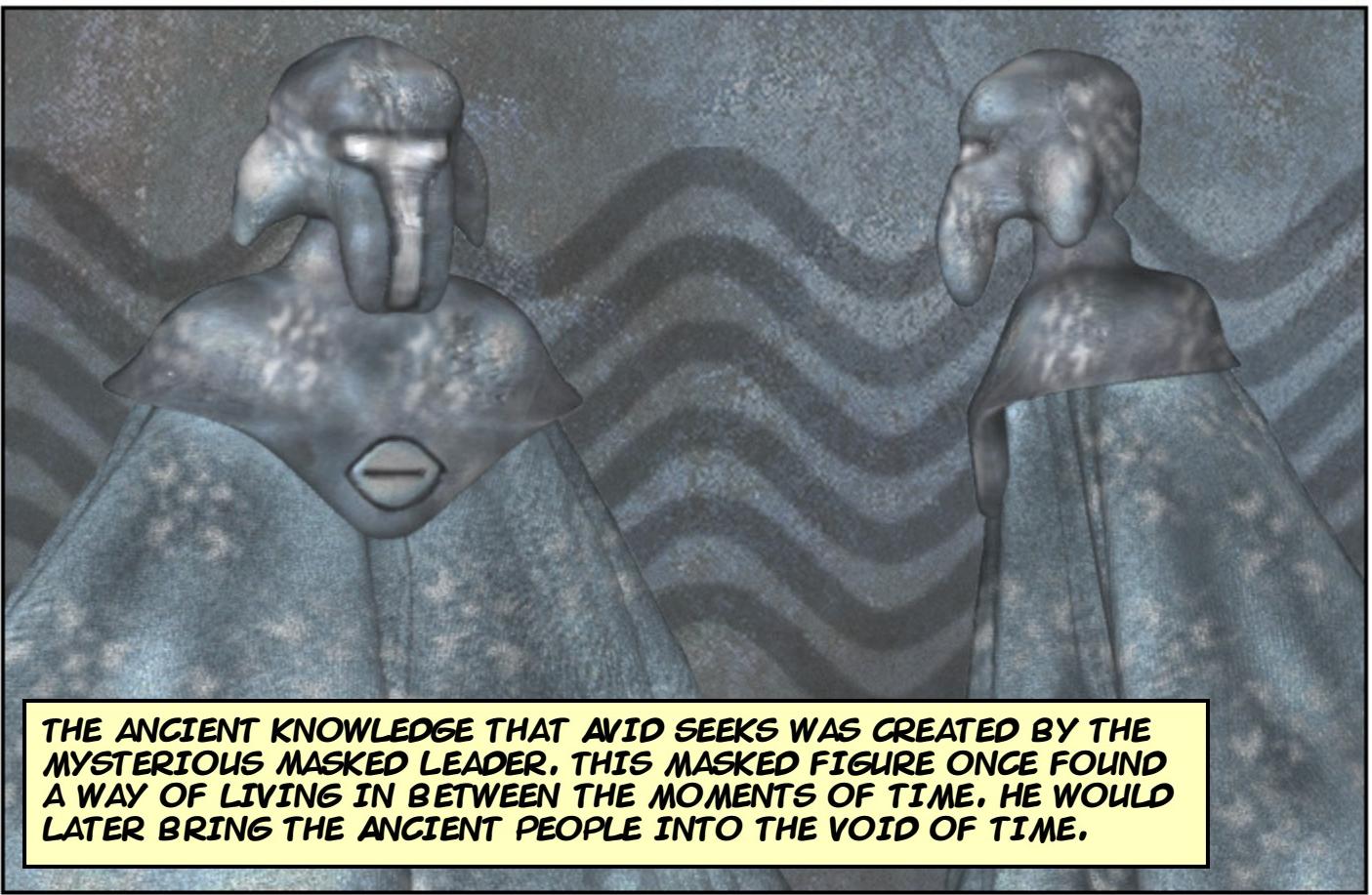




A THOUSAND YEARS LATER, AVID LEARNS ABOUT THE AMULETS FROM THE ANCIENT PEOPLE'S MANUSCRIPT. AVID STARTS TO OBSESS OVER FINDING ALL THREE AMULETS AND LEARNING THEIR SECRETS.



MASKED LEADER



THE ANCIENT KNOWLEDGE THAT AVID SEEKS WAS CREATED BY THE MYSTERIOUS MASKED LEADER. THIS MASKED FIGURE ONCE FOUND A WAY OF LIVING IN BETWEEN THE MOMENTS OF TIME. HE WOULD LATER BRING THE ANCIENT PEOPLE INTO THE VOID OF TIME.

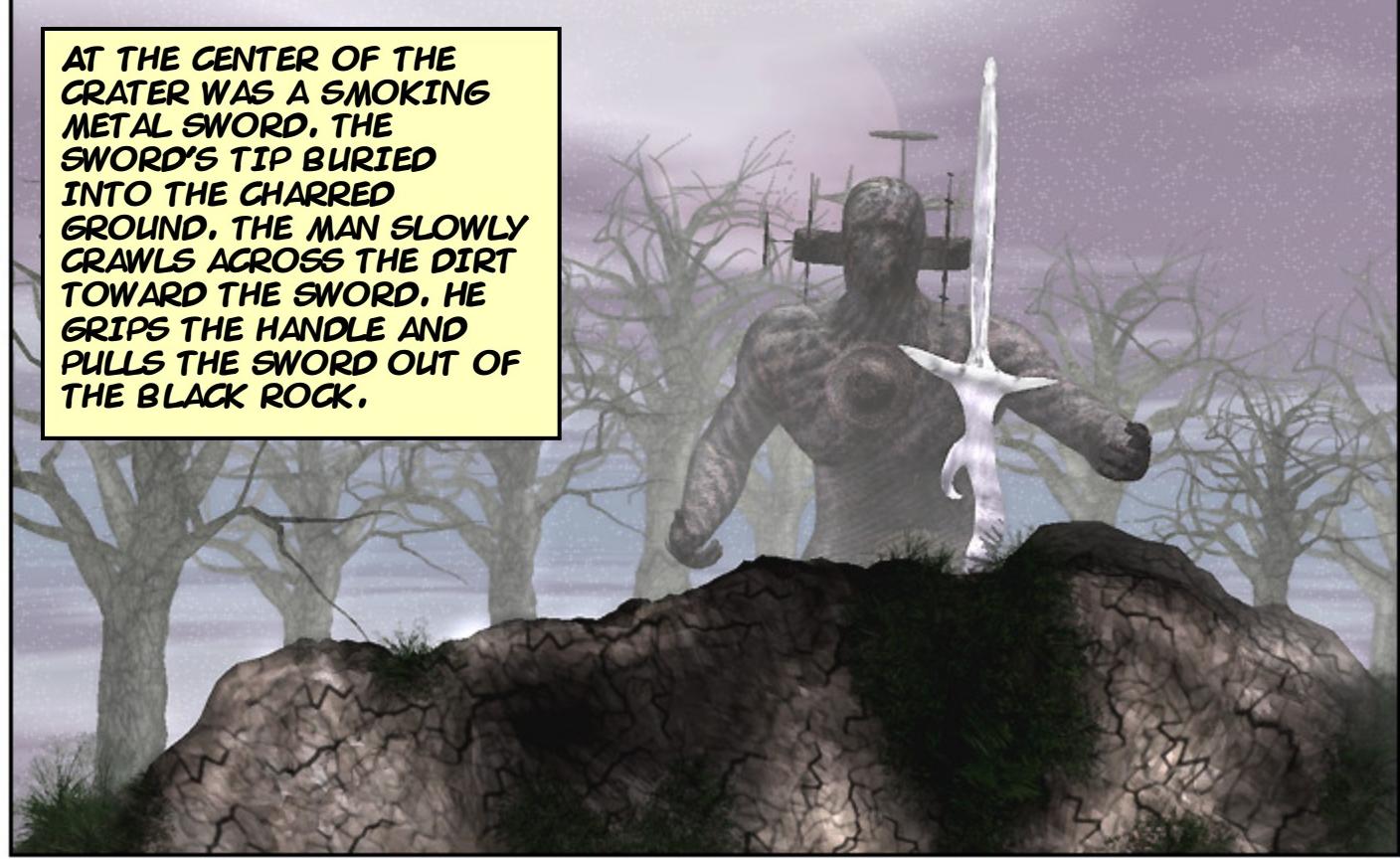
WHEN THE MASKED LEADER WAS YOUNGER, HE WITNESSED A FIERY OBJECT COLLAPSING FROM THE SKY.



THAT NIGHT THIS STRANGE OBJECT SMASHED DEEP INSIDE THE FOREST. THE YOUNG MAN HIKED TOWARD THE CRASH. AFTER A LONG NIGHT OF SEARCHING, HE FOUND A LARGE BURNING CRATER.

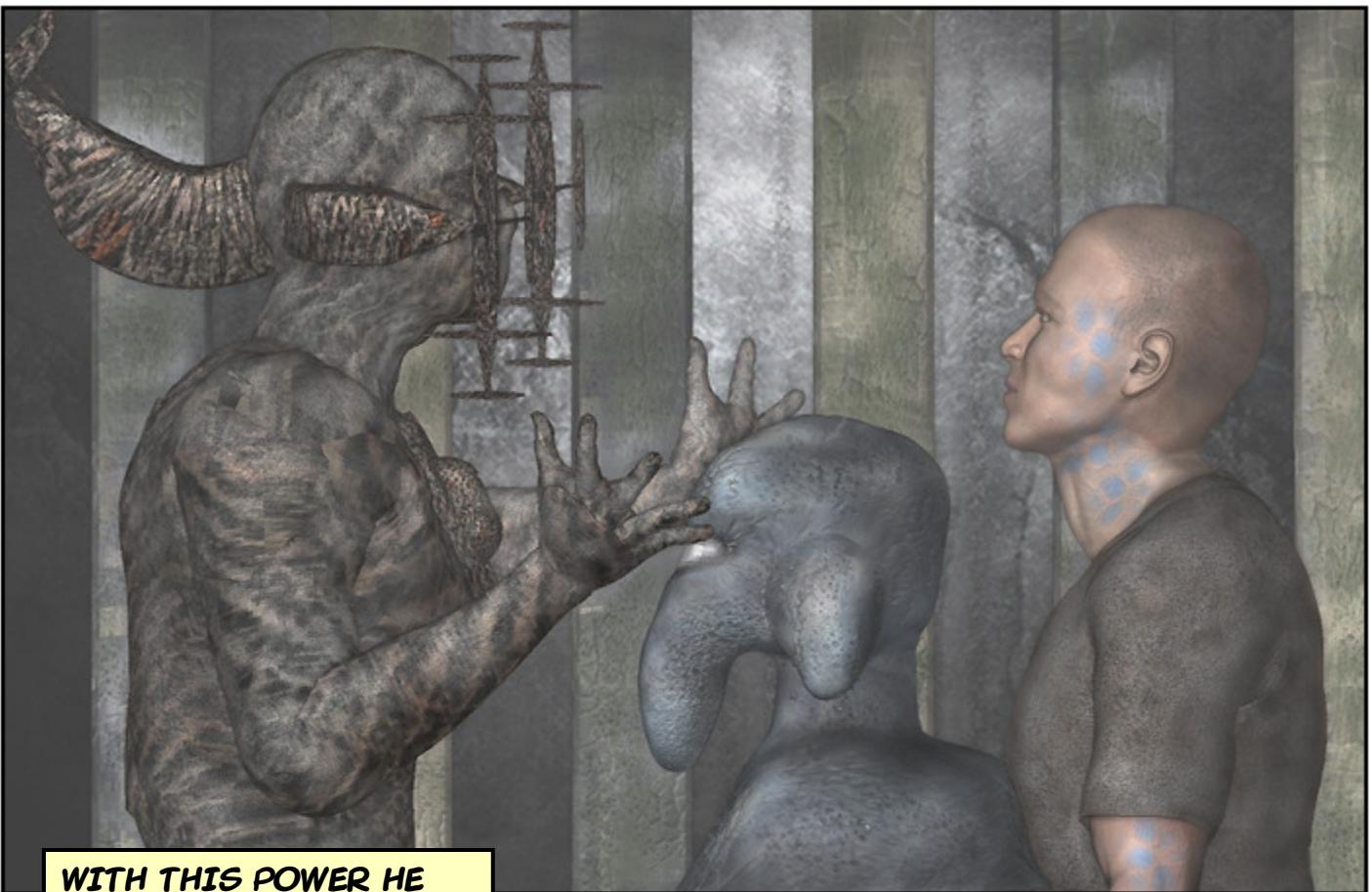


AT THE CENTER OF THE CRATER WAS A SMOKING METAL SWORD. THE SWORD'S TIP BURIED INTO THE CHARRED GROUND. THE MAN SLOWLY CRAWLS ACROSS THE DIRT TOWARD THE SWORD. HE GRIPS THE HANDLE AND PULLS THE SWORD OUT OF THE BLACK ROCK.

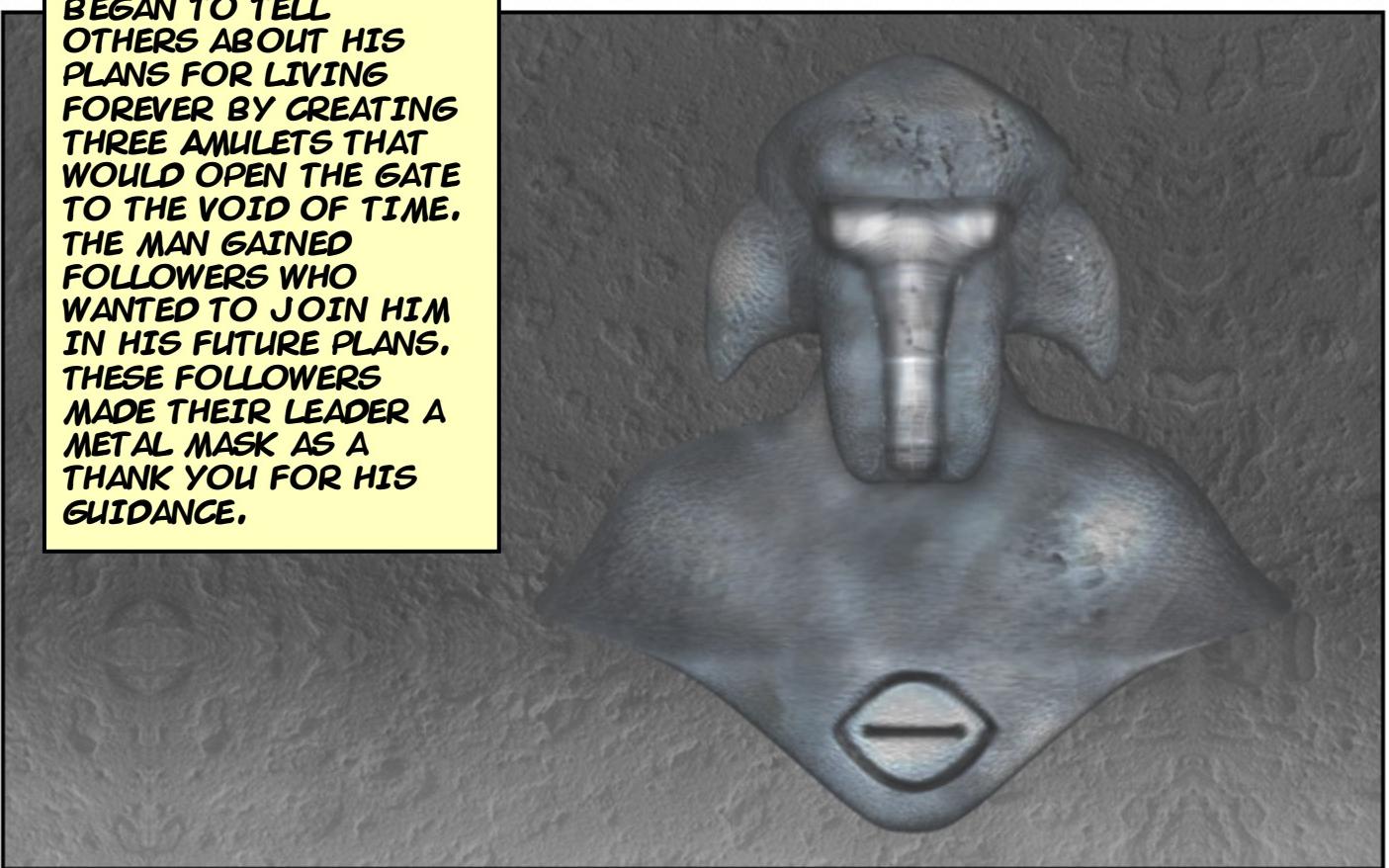




THE MAN SOON REALIZES THE POWER THAT THE SWORD POSSESSES. HE COULD HARNESS THE SWORD'S POWER TO ALTER TIME AND ALLOW HIM TO LIVE FOREVER. THE YOUNG MAN TURNS TO AN OLD MAN AS HE ATTEMPTS TO MASTER THE SWORD'S POWER. WITH EACH ATTEMPT HE IS LAUNCHED FORWARD IN TIME. HE EVENTUALLY LEAVES ALL HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY BEHIND IN THE PAST. AFTER A COUPLE HUNDRED YEARS THE MAN FINALLY MASTERS THE SWORD.



WITH THIS POWER HE BEGAN TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIS PLANS FOR LIVING FOREVER BY CREATING THREE AMULETS THAT WOULD OPEN THE GATE TO THE VOID OF TIME. THE MAN GAINED FOLLOWERS WHO WANTED TO JOIN HIM IN HIS FUTURE PLANS. THESE FOLLOWERS MADE THEIR LEADER A METAL MASK AS A THANK YOU FOR HIS GUIDANCE.





THE MASKED LEADER STARTED CONSTRUCTION OF A MASSIVE BUILDING ON THE VERY SPOT THAT HE DISCOVERED THE DARK SWORD. YEARS LATER THE FORGED AMULETS OPEN THE DOOR TO THE VOID OF TIME. THE ANCIENT PEOPLE AND THE MASKED LEADER ENTER THIS VOID. THEY APPEAR AS GHOSTLY WHITE FIGURES. THEIR BODIES BEGAN TO MOVE IN AND OUT OF TIME.



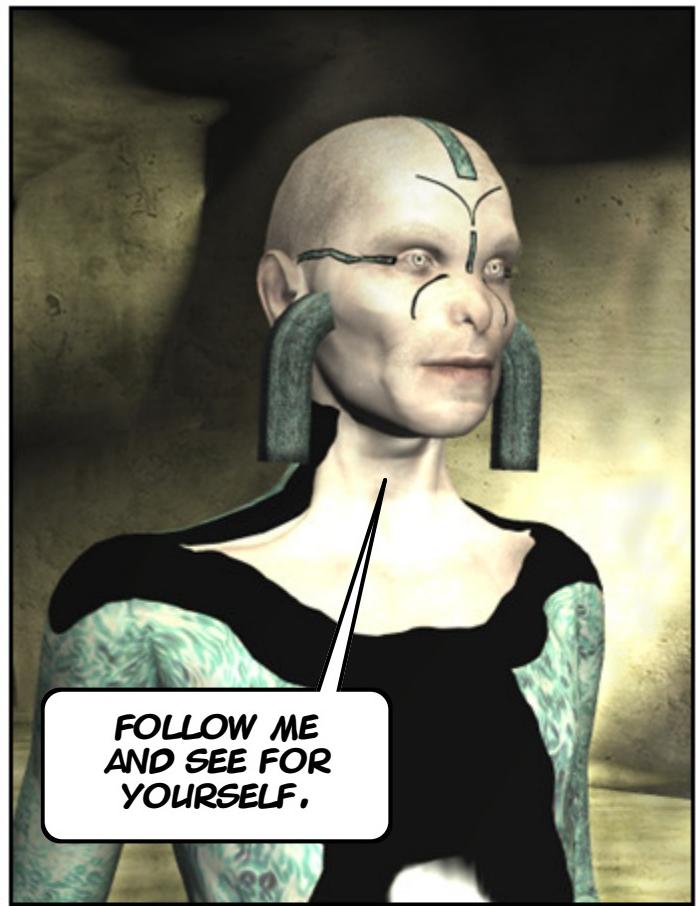
VIN LAIR



VAN LAIR IS A MAN THAT TOOK A STAND AGAINST AVID. HE WAS ABLE TO TRACK AVID TO THE NORTHERN FOREST. HE FINDS AVID AND CORNERS HIM IN AN OLD CONCRETE BUILDING.





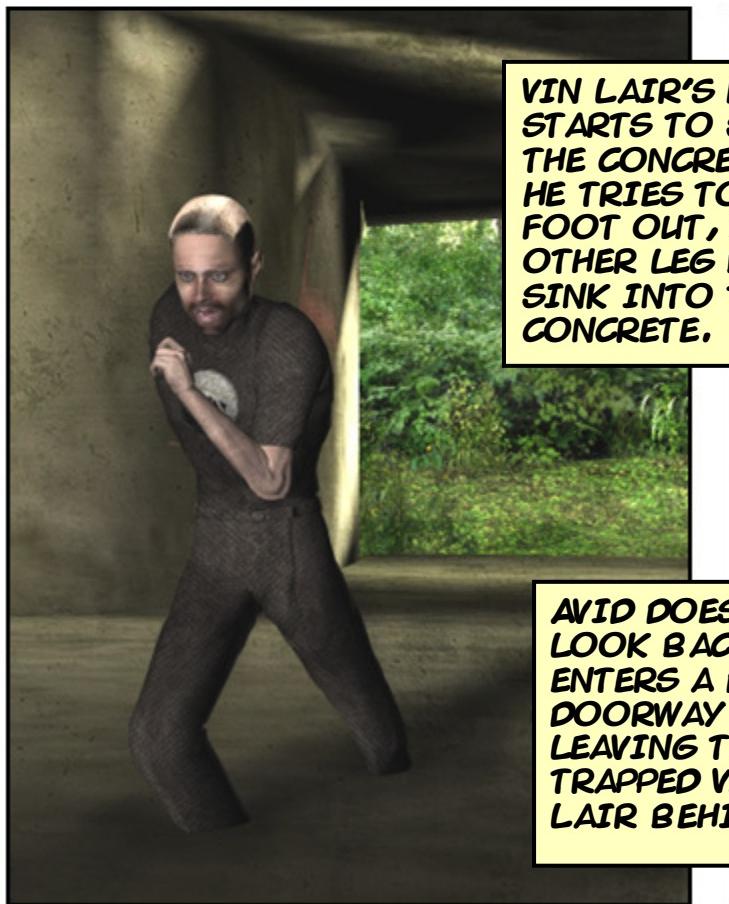




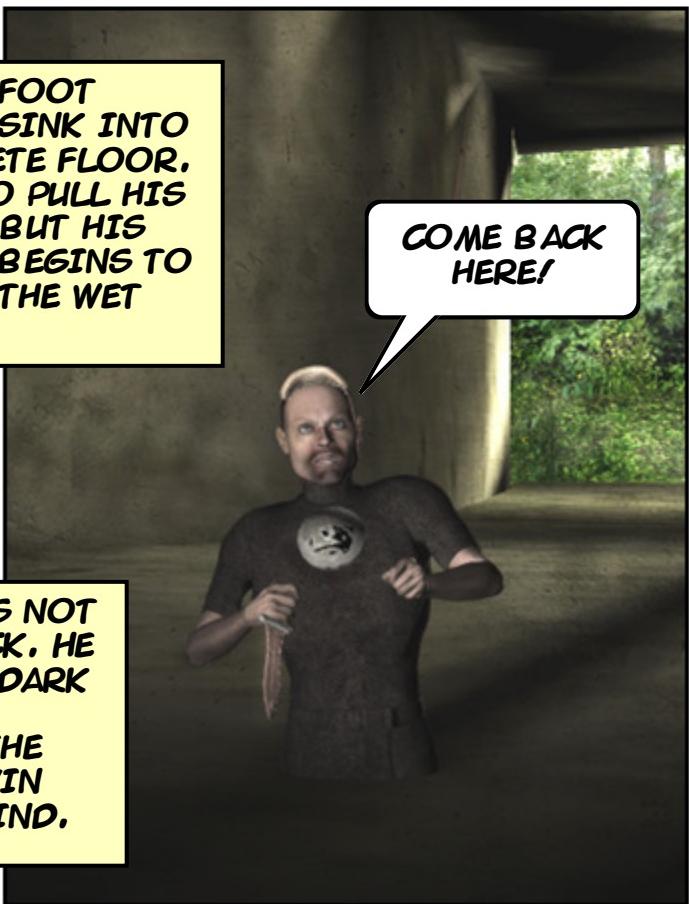
VIN LAIR FOLLOWS AND RAISES THE KNIFE TO STAB AVID IN THE BACK.



AVID CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD, HE CLOSES HIS EYES AND USES HIS POWERS.

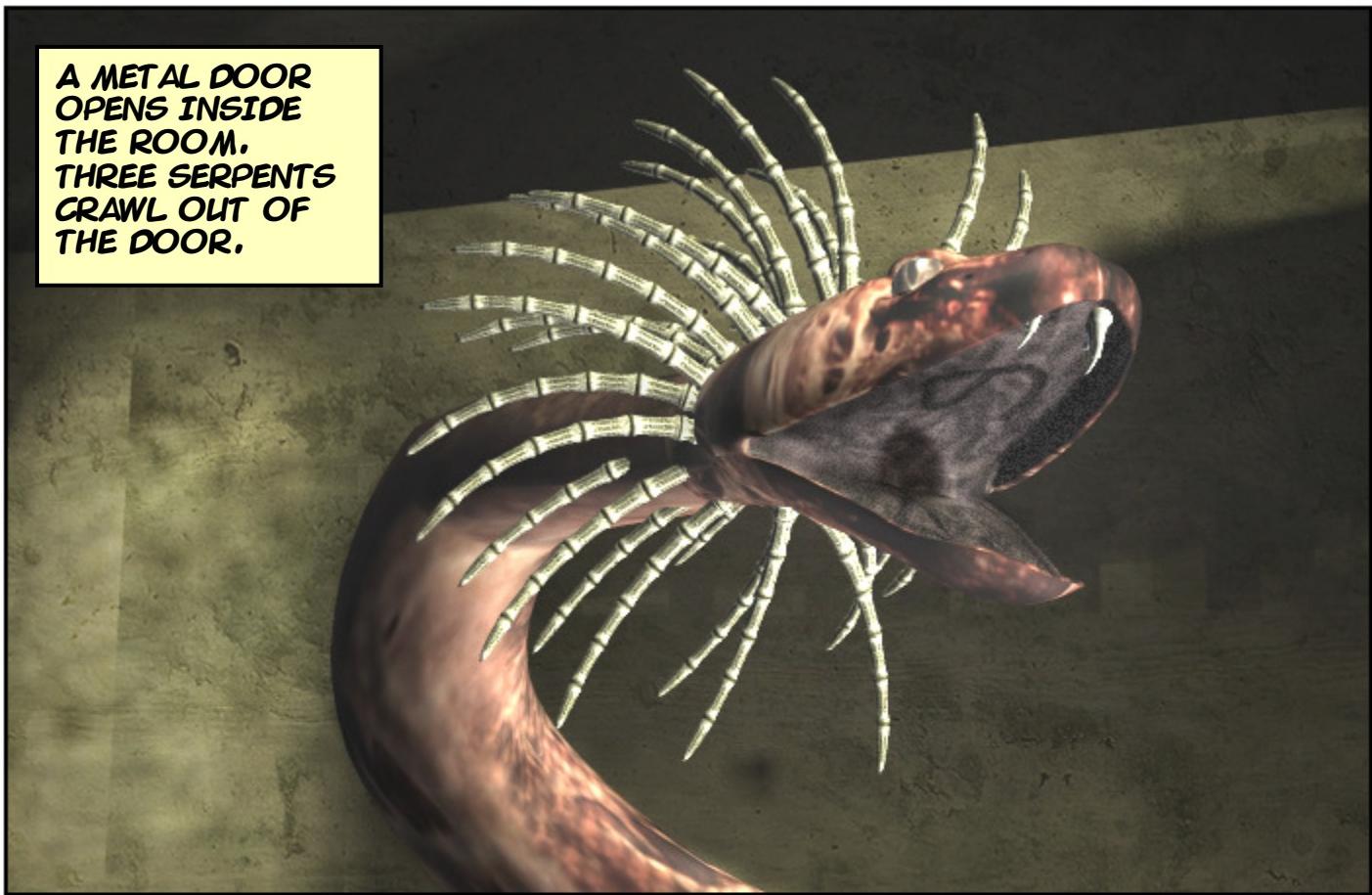


VIN LAIR'S FOOT STARTS TO SINK INTO THE CONCRETE FLOOR. HE TRIES TO PULL HIS FOOT OUT, BUT HIS OTHER LEG BEGINS TO SINK INTO THE WET CONCRETE.



AVID DOES NOT LOOK BACK. HE ENTERS A DARK DOORWAY LEAVING THE TRAPPED VIN LAIR BEHIND.

A METAL DOOR
OPENS INSIDE
THE ROOM.
THREE SERPENTS
CRAWL OUT OF
THE DOOR.



THE SNAKES BEGIN
TO POUNCE ON THE
TRAPPED VIN LAIR.
THE ANIMALS WRAP
THEMSELVES
AROUND THE MAN
AS THEY BEGIN TO
EAT HIM ALIVE.



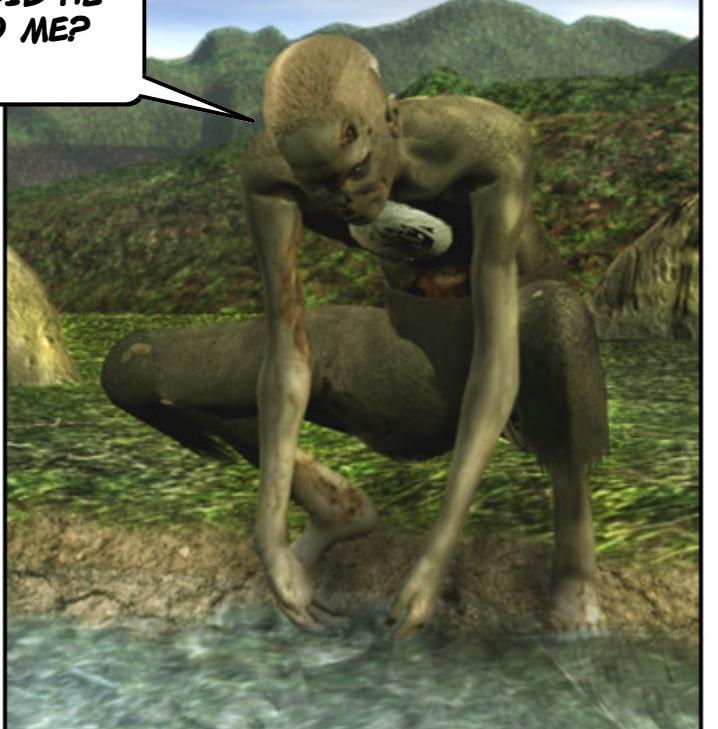
VIN LAIR WAKES UP TO FIND HIM SELF TRANSFORMED BY AVID'S EXPERIMENTS. AVID'S CRUEL TESTS LEFT VIN LAIR UNDEAD. HIS BODY STILL HAS THE SERPENT BITES THAT KILLED HIM.



VIN LAIR STANDS UP AND WALKS TOWARD A NEARBY STREAM. LOOKING INTO THE RUNNING WATER VIN LAIR SEES A REFLECTION OF A HIDEOUS FACE.

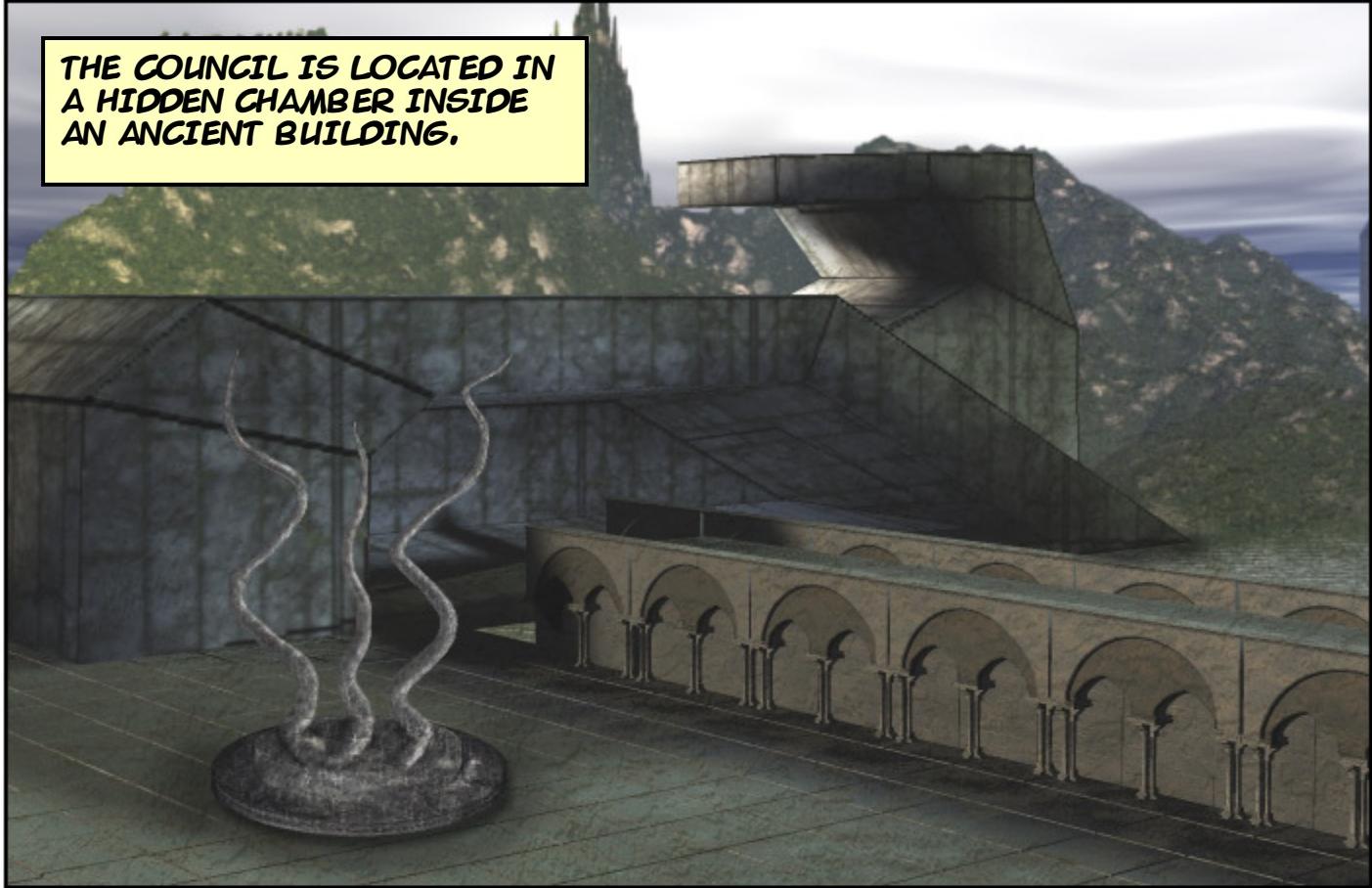


WHAT DID HE DO TO ME?

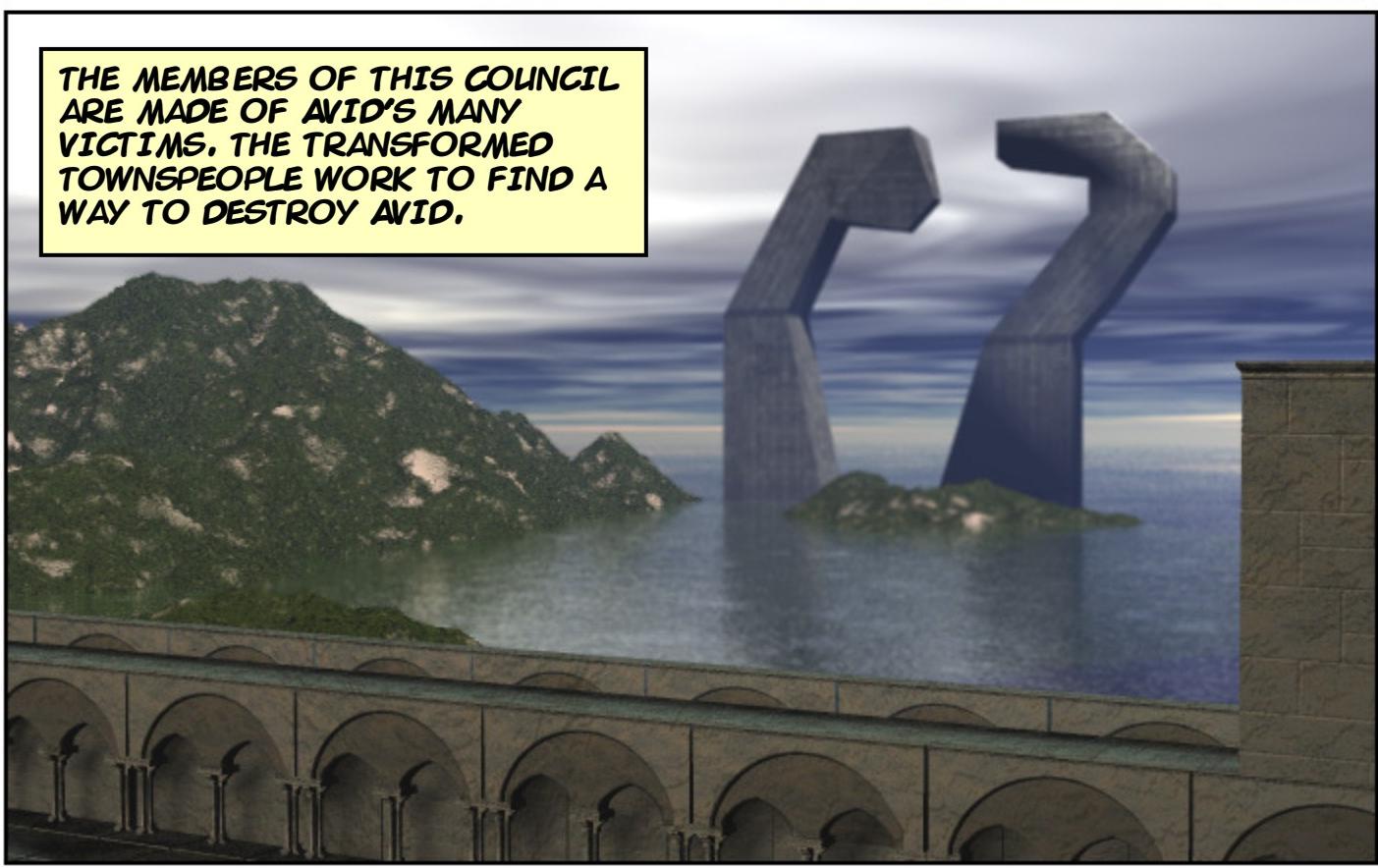


THE COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL IS LOCATED IN A HIDDEN CHAMBER INSIDE AN ANCIENT BUILDING.



THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL ARE MADE OF AVID'S MANY VICTIMS. THE TRANSFORMED TOWNSPEOPLE WORK TO FIND A WAY TO DESTROY AVID.





TODAY VIN LAIR
VISITS THE
COUNCIL FOR
THEIR GUIDANCE.



BUT MONTHS BEFORE.....

GO AND FIND THE TOMBS
OF AVID'S BROTHERS.
THE TRANSFORMED
BROTHERS MAY BE ABLE
TO HELP DEFEAT AVID.

NO, THEY CAN'T BE
TRUSTED. I'LL KILL AVID
MYSELF.

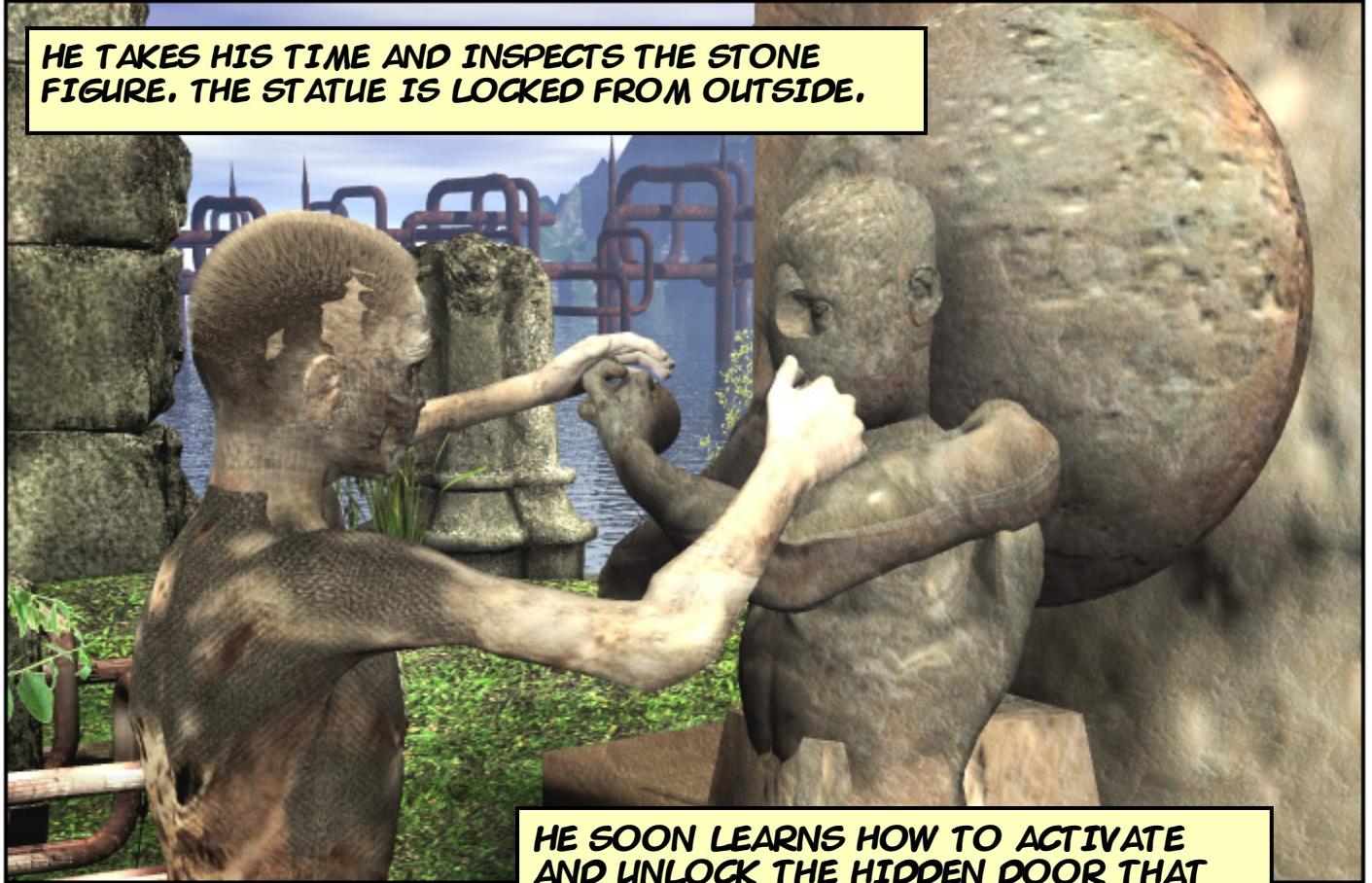


MONOLITH STATUES

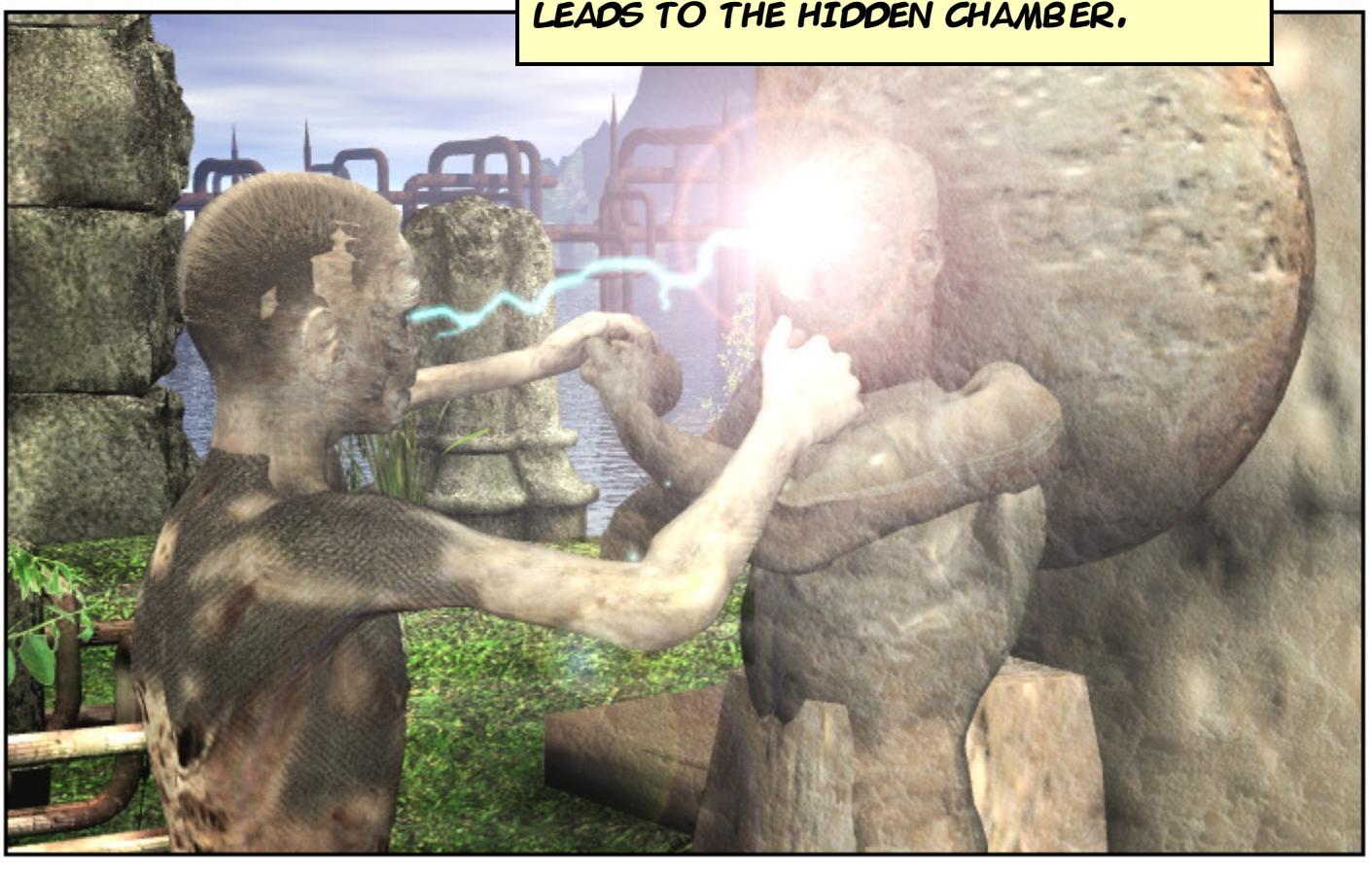


VIN LAIR MAKES HIS WAY TO THE MONOLITH STATUE OF AVALON. THE STATUE IS THE MARKER FOR AVID'S YOUNGEST BROTHER'S TOMB. AFTER DAYS OF TRAVEL VIN LAIR ARRIVES AT THE STATUE.





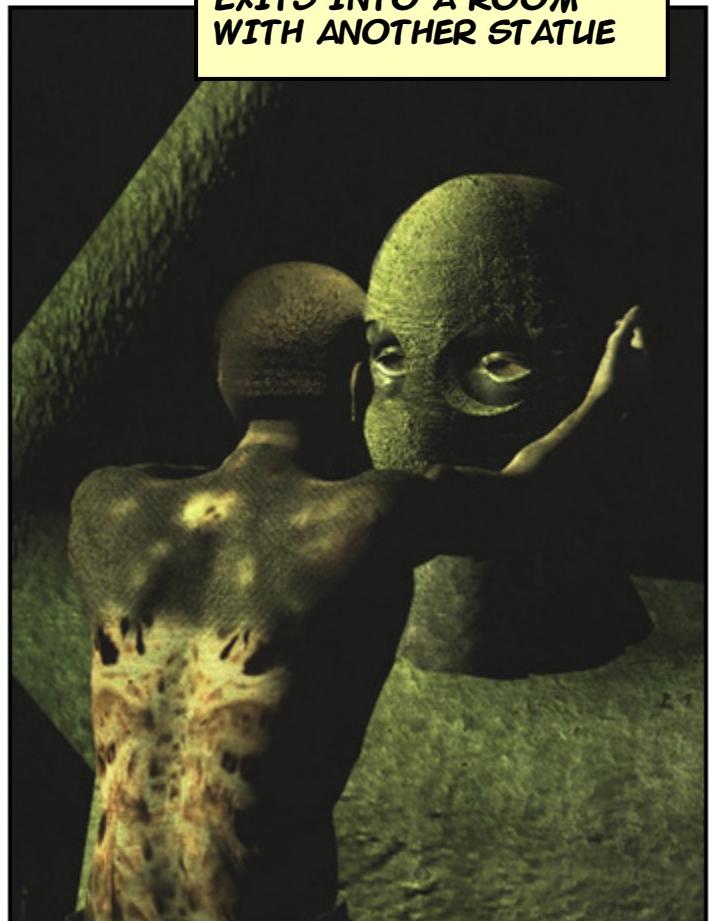
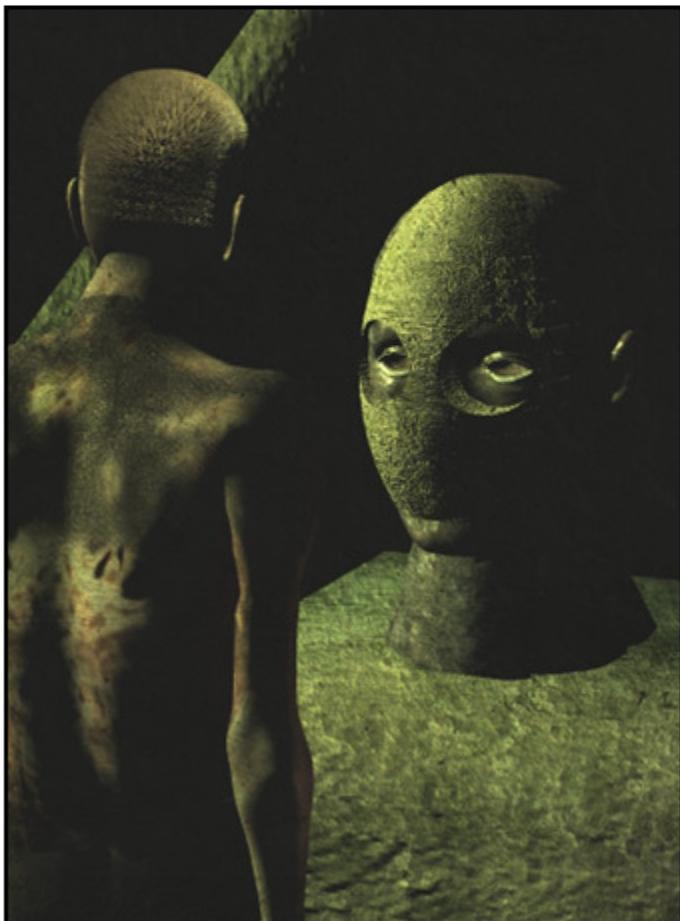
HE TAKES HIS TIME AND INSPECTS THE STONE FIGURE. THE STATUE IS LOCKED FROM OUTSIDE.

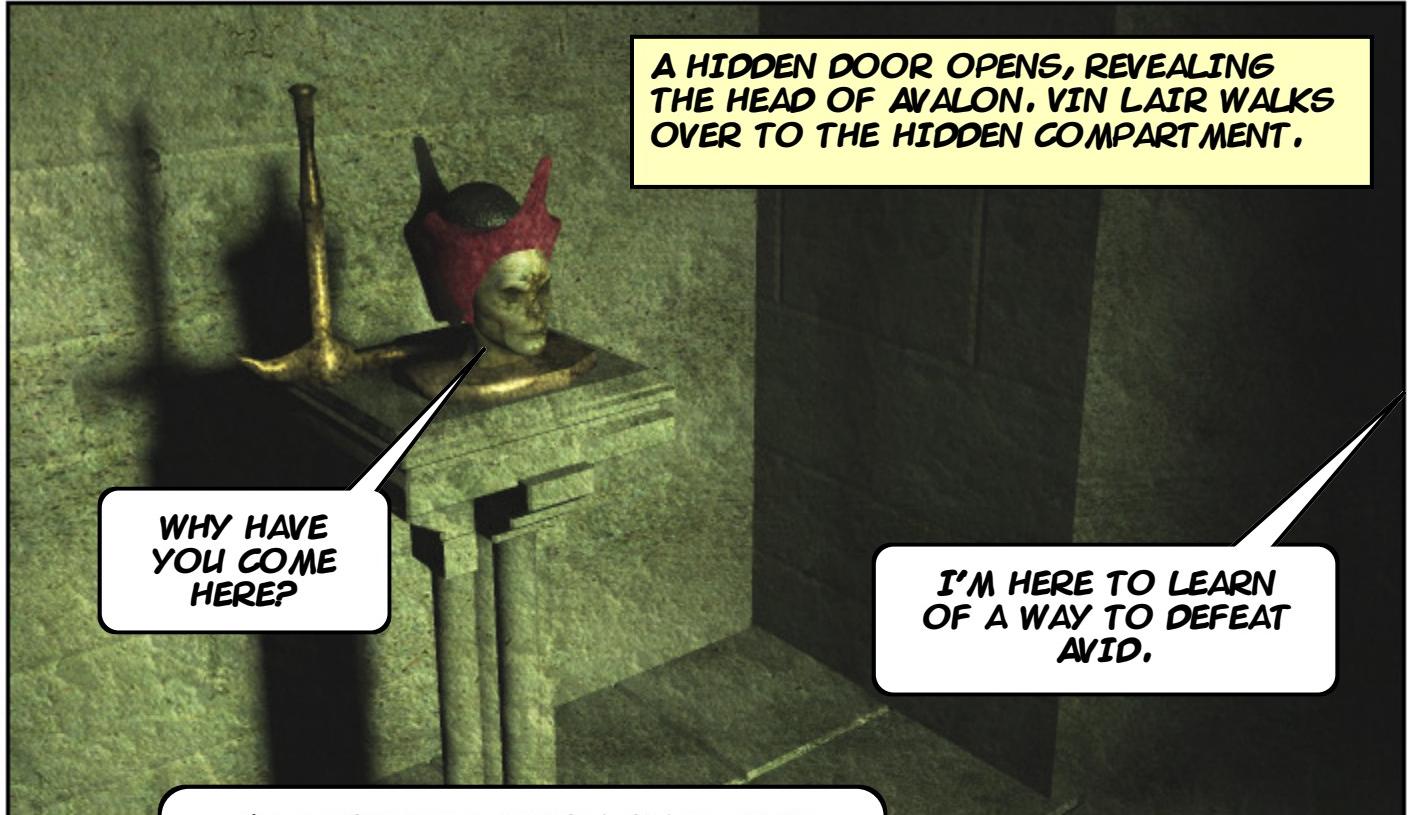


HE SOON LEARNS HOW TO ACTIVATE AND UNLOCK THE HIDDEN DOOR THAT LEADS TO THE HIDDEN CHAMBER.



ONCE INSIDE HE FINDS
A LONG HALLWAY THAT
EXITS INTO A ROOM
WITH ANOTHER STATUE



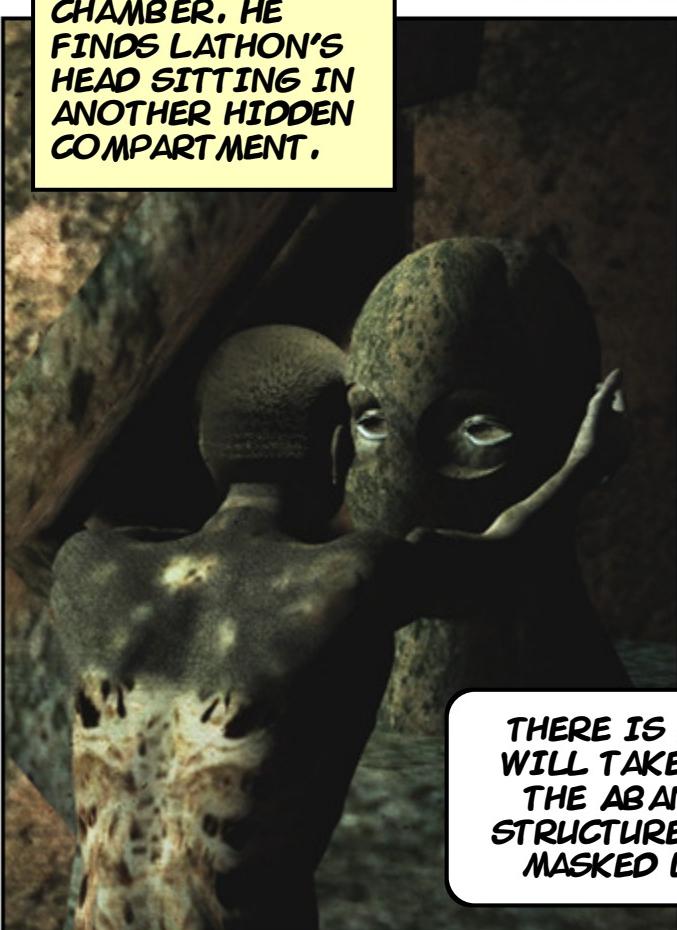






HE ACTIVATES THE STATUES ABOVE AND INSIDE THE CHAMBER. HE FINDS LATHON'S HEAD SITTING IN ANOTHER HIDDEN COMPARTMENT.

AVALON SENT ME HERE TO FIND A WAY OF STOPPING AVID.



THERE IS A WAY. I WILL TAKE YOU TO THE ABANDONED STRUCTURE AND THE MASKED LEADER.



DARK FOREST

VIN LAIR AND LATHON WANDER THROUGH THE DARK FOREST, LOOKING FOR THE ABANDONED STRUCTURE.



AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE DARK FOREST, THEY FIND A MASSIVE STATUE OF THE MASKED LEADER. TWO BEACONS OF LIGHT ERUPT OUT OF THE RUINED STATUE'S EYES. THESE BEACONS WARN THAT THIS FOREST IS THE SAME PLACE WHERE THE MASKED LEADER SAW THE DARK SWORD CRASHING FROM THE SKY.

THE IMPACT CHANGED THE FOREST. THE DARK SWORD FROZE THIS PLACE IN TIME. THE DARK FOREST IS TRAPPED IN A NEVER ENDING STATE OF NIGHT. THERE ARE STRANGE POCKETS OF TIME THAT FLOAT ABOVE THE GROUND.





THESE POCKETS WASH THROUGH THE FOREST FREEZING ANYTHING NOT TRAPPED BY TIME. SMALL FROZEN ANIMALS CLUTTER THE GROUND AND THE SKY.



VIN LAIR AND LATHON MUST BE CAREFUL TO AVOID THESE POCKETS AND THEIR TRAPS.

ABANDONED STRUCTURE

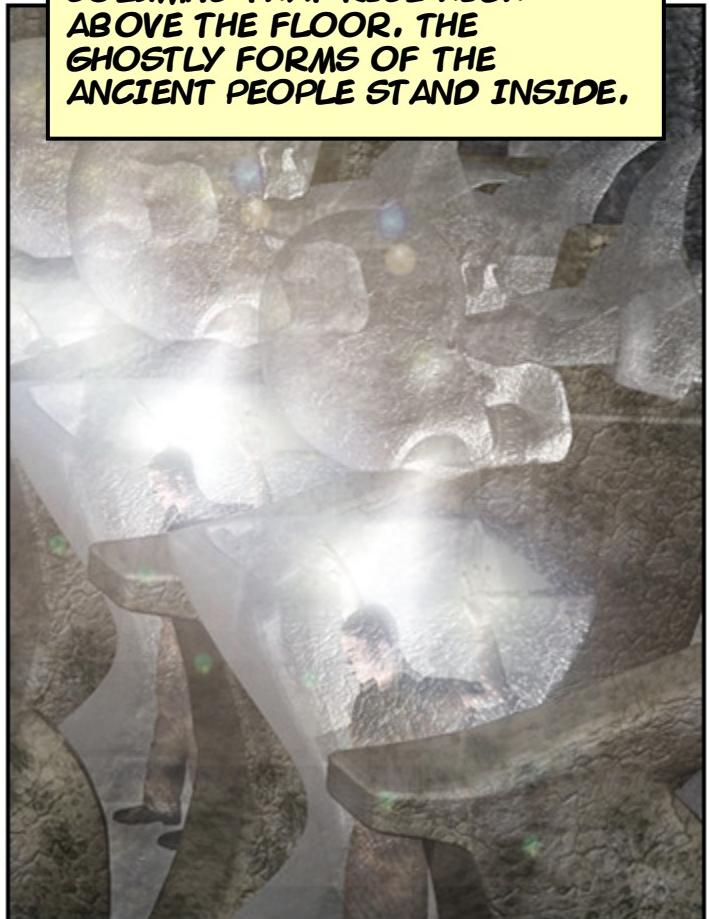
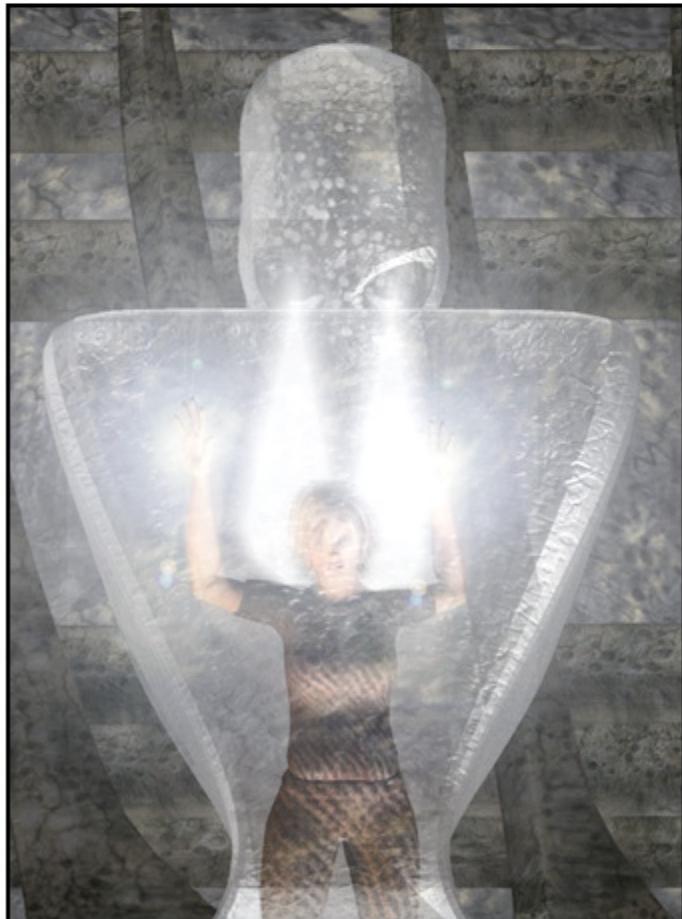


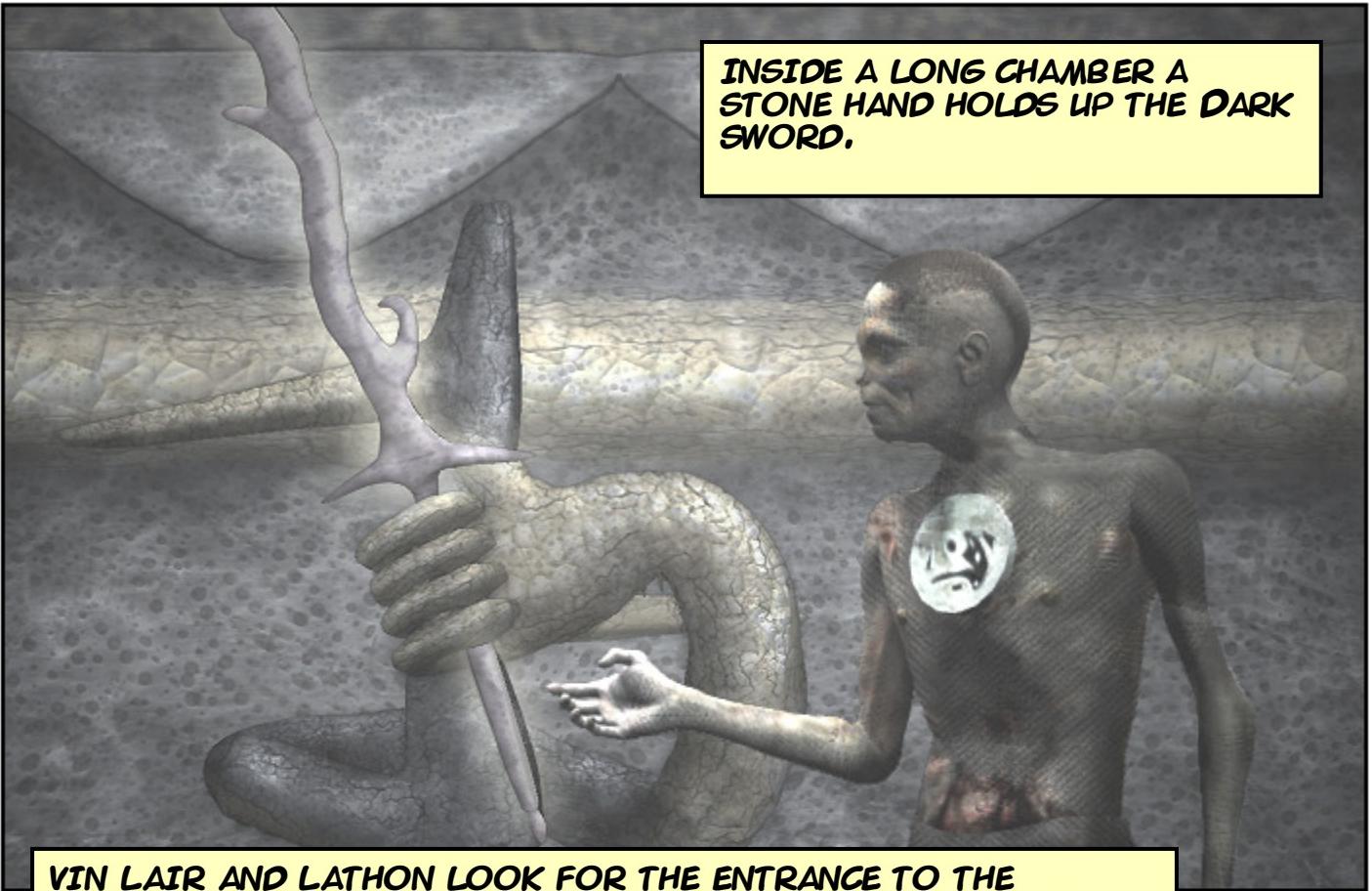
LATHON GUIDES VIN LAIR
TO THE ABANDONED
STRUCTURE.



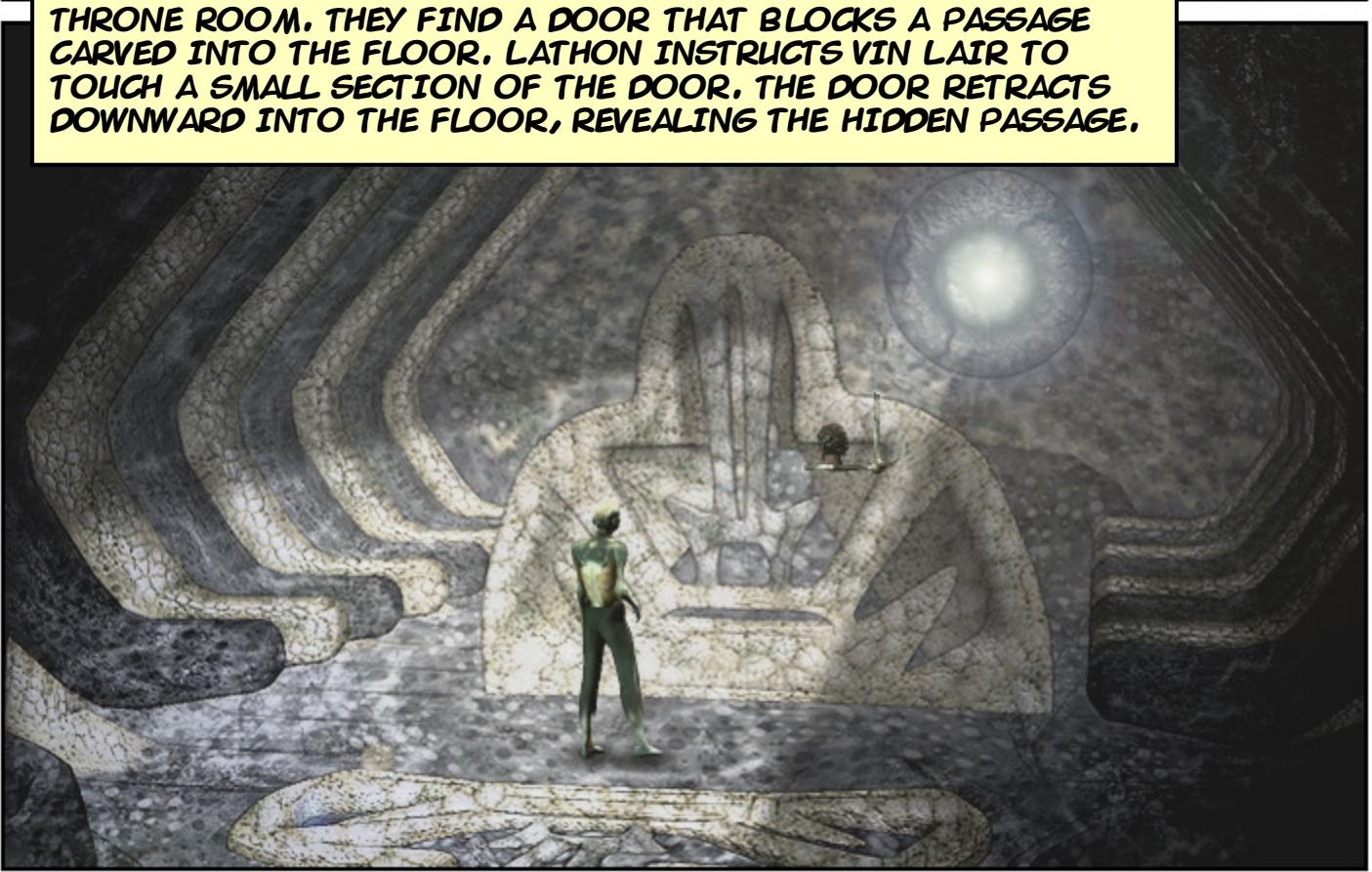


INSIDE THEY FIND GLASS
COLUMNS THAT RISE HIGH
ABOVE THE FLOOR. THE
GHOSTLY FORMS OF THE
ANCIENT PEOPLE STAND INSIDE.



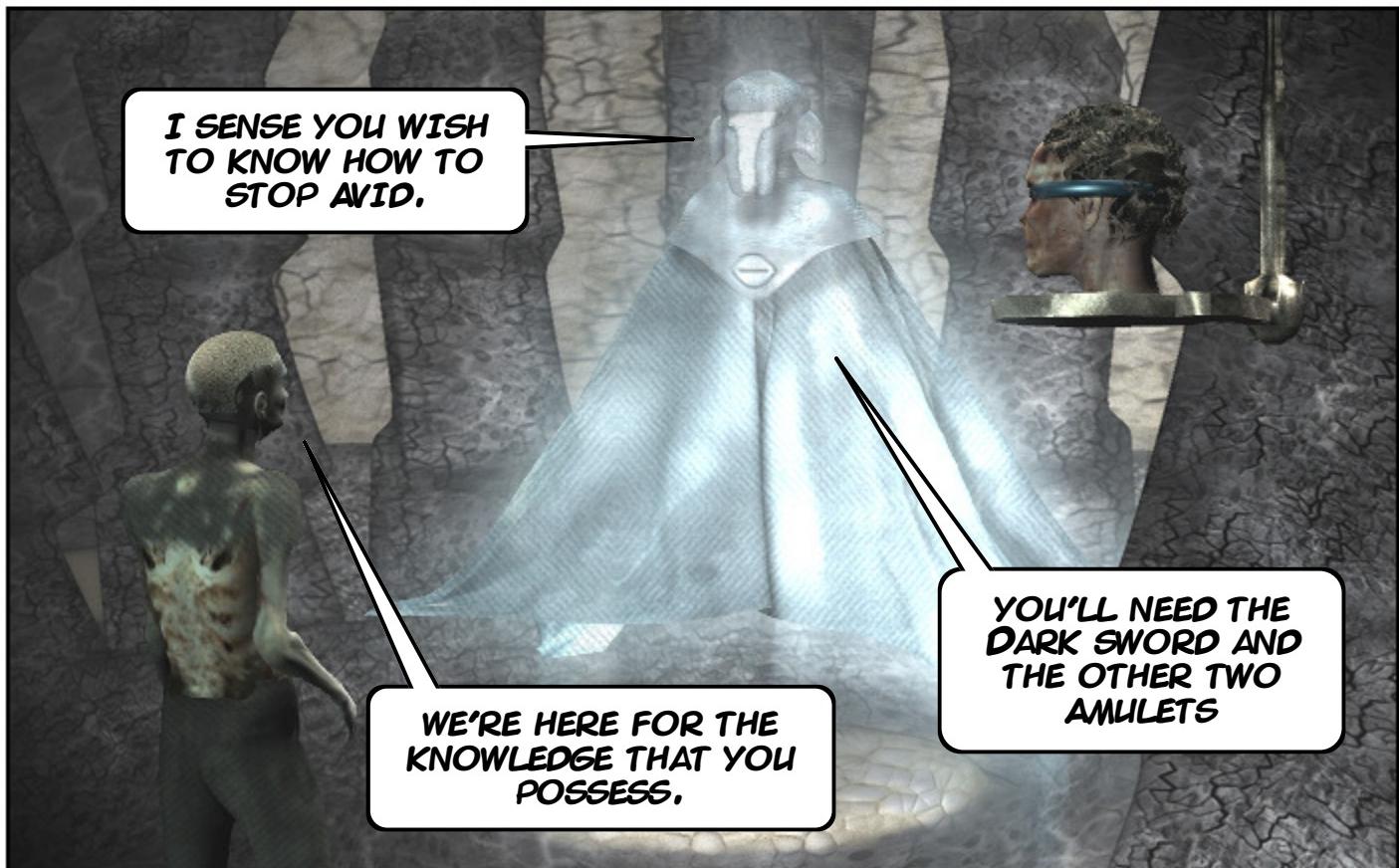


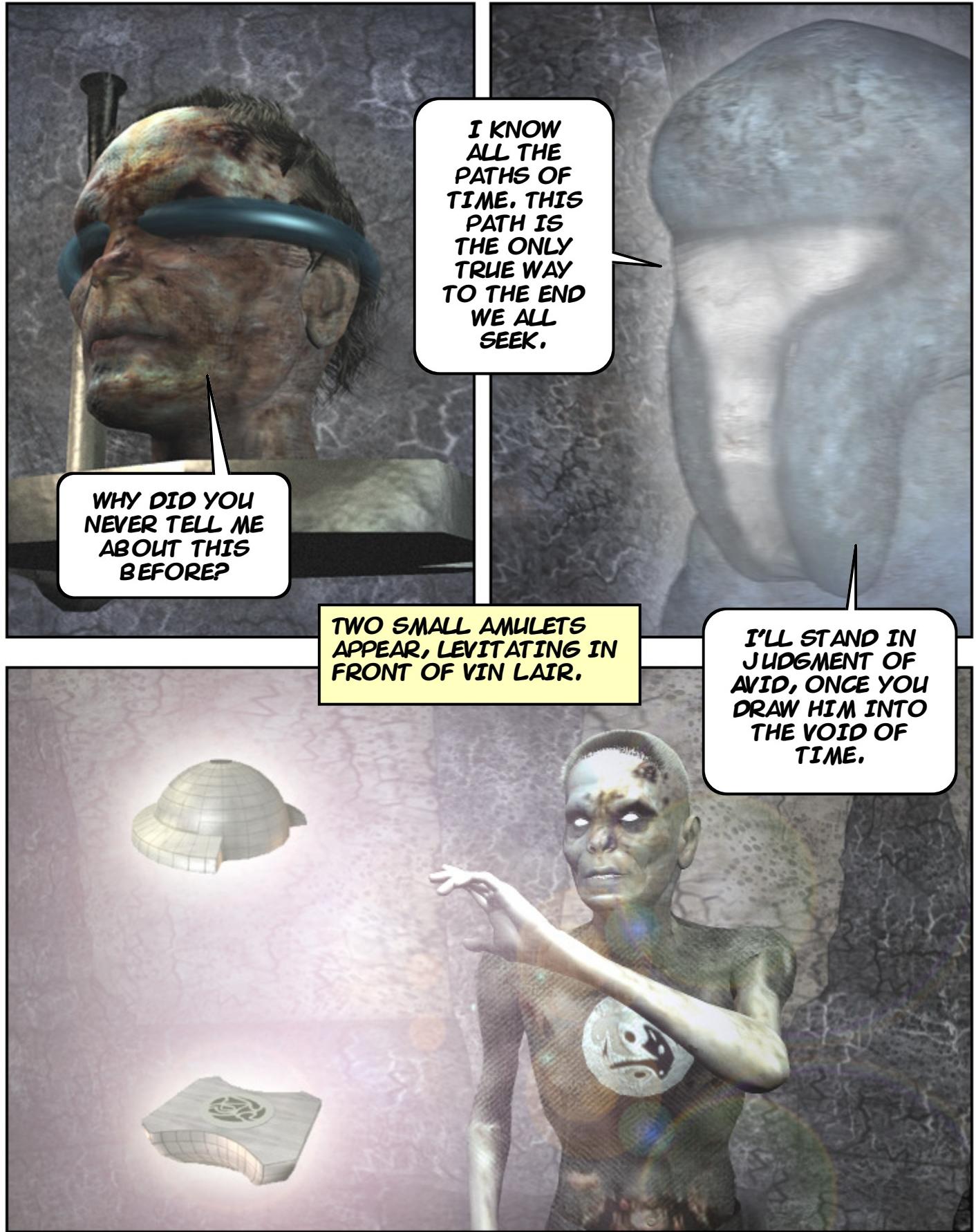
INSIDE A LONG CHAMBER A STONE HAND HOLDS UP THE DARK SWORD.



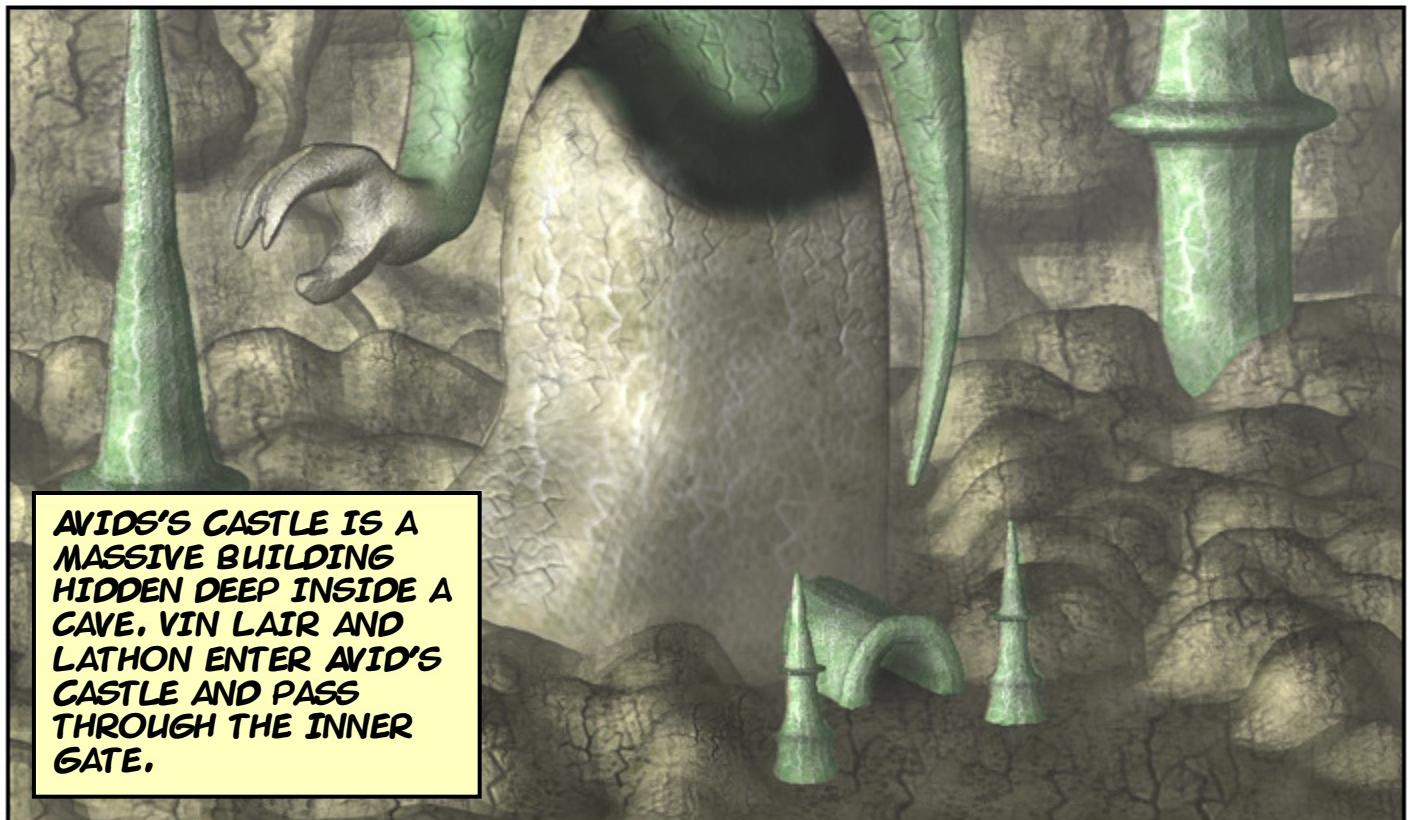
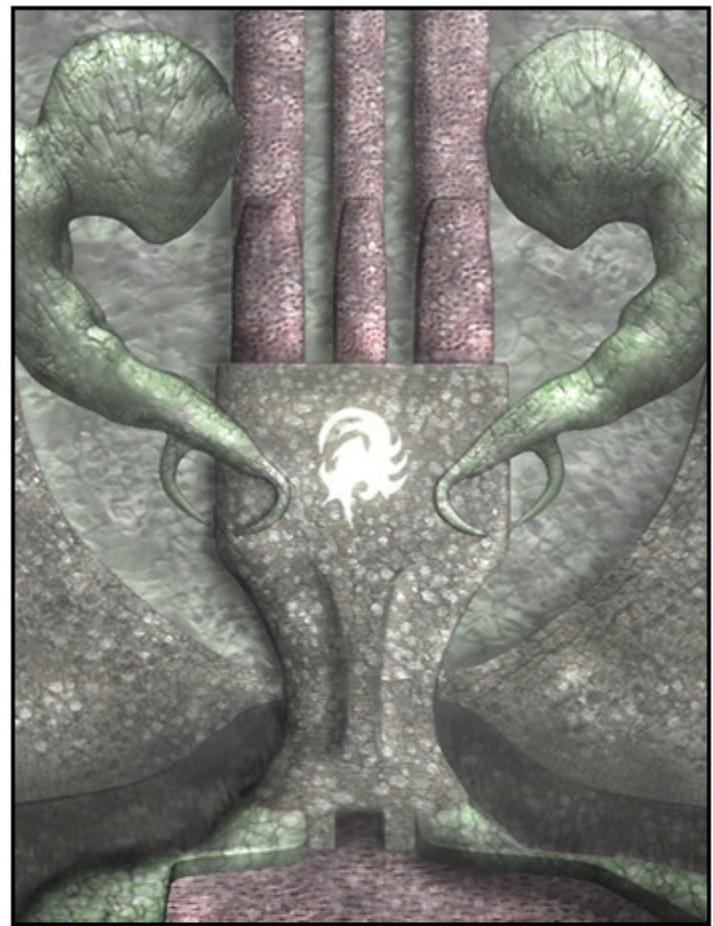
VIN LAIR AND LATHON LOOK FOR THE ENTRANCE TO THE THRONE ROOM. THEY FIND A DOOR THAT BLOCKS A PASSAGE CARVED INTO THE FLOOR. LATHON INSTRUCTS VIN LAIR TO TOUCH A SMALL SECTION OF THE DOOR. THE DOOR RETRACTS DOWNWARD INTO THE FLOOR, REVEALING THE HIDDEN PASSAGE.

VIN LAIR AND LATHON APPROACH THE MASKED LEADER.





A VID'S CASTLE





JUST INSIDE THE INNER GATE VIN LAIR AND LATHON FIND AVID'S STATUE. THIS STATUE ACTS AS A LOCK TO THE CASTLE.

TWO COFFINS SIT ON EACH SIDE OF THE STATUE. THE COFFIN DOORS SLIDE OPEN, REVEALING AVID'S GUARDS.





BEFORE AVID STARTED TAKING PEOPLE FOR HIS EXPERIMENTS, HE WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE TO JOIN HIM.



THESE PEOPLE BECAME AVID'S GUARDS. THE GUARDS WERE ONCE TOWNSPEOPLE THAT AGREED TO SUBMIT TO AVID'S EXPERIMENTS. IN RETURN AVID PLEDGES THAT HE WILL HELP THEM INTO THE VOID OF TIME.

AFTER BEING TRANSFORMED, THE GUARDS STAND INSIDE AVID'S CASTLE. THE GUARDS ARE STATIONED AT THE DOOR LOCK. THEY WAIT FOR ANYONE WHO MIGHT ATTEMPT TO OPEN THE LOCK.

BUT THE GUARDS DON'T REALIZE THAT AVID LIED TO THEM. HE HAS NO INTENTION OF HELPING THEM INTO THE VOID. AVID ONLY WISHES TO USE THEM LIKE HE HAS USED OTHERS.

THE TRANSFORMED TOWNSPEOPLE EXIT THE STONE COFFINS AND BEGIN TO ATTACK THE INTRUDERS. TO OPEN THE LOCK, VIN LAIR MUST DEFEAT THE GUARDS. HE AIMED THE DARK SWORD AT ONE OF THE GUARDS.

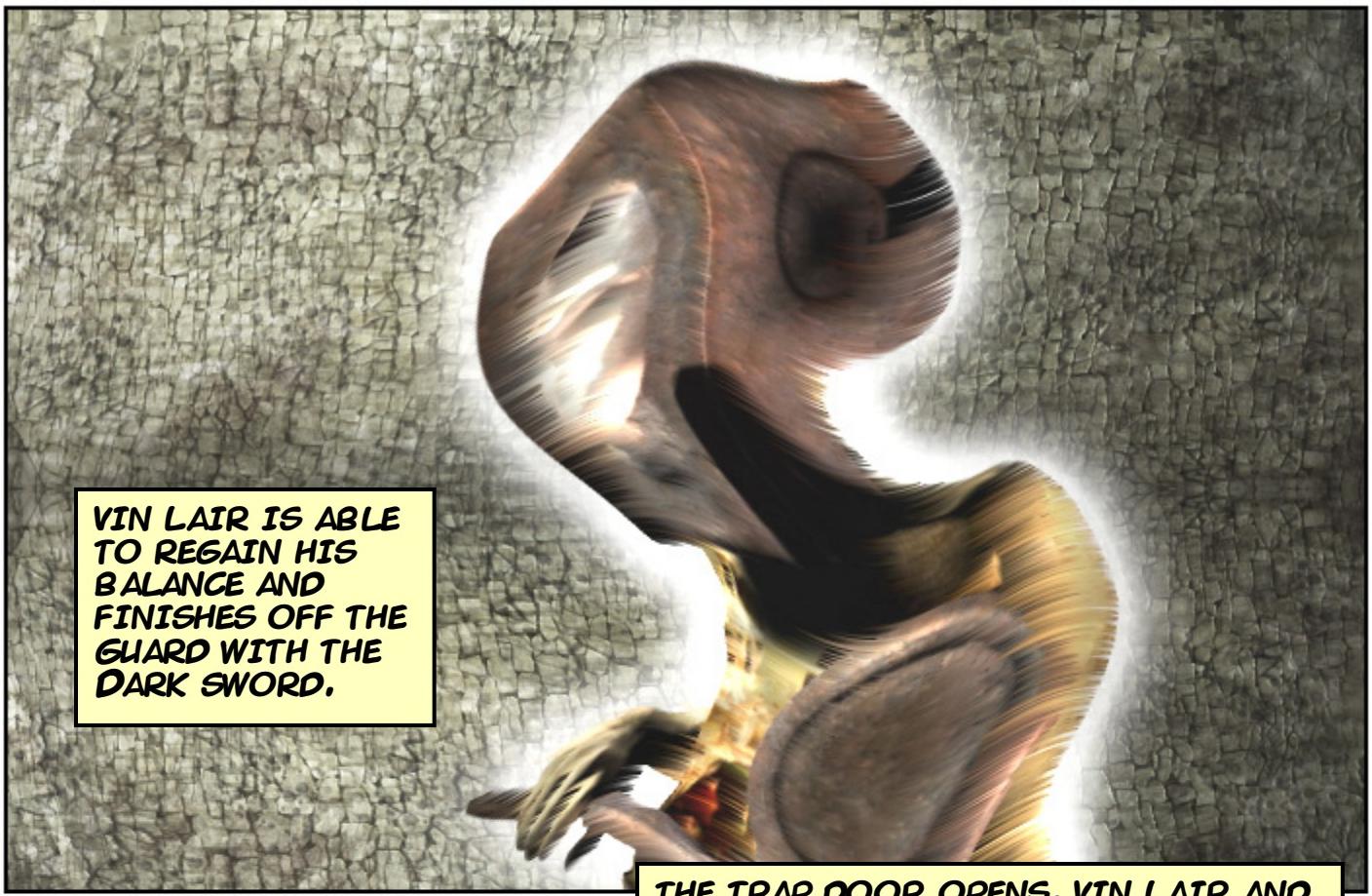


THE GUARD FALLS TO THE FLOOR AND DISINTEGRATES.



VIN LAIR LAUNCHES HIMSELF AT THE LAST GUARD. THE GUARD IS ABLE SLAM ITS SWORD INTO VIN LAIR'S SHOULDER.





VIN LAIR IS ABLE TO REGAIN HIS BALANCE AND FINISHES OFF THE GUARD WITH THE DARK SWORD.



THE TRAP DOOR OPENS. VIN LAIR AND LATHON FIND A NARROW STAIRWAY LEADING TO AVID'S INNER CHAMBER.

INSIDE THE
INNER
CHAMBER,
AVID STANDS
WITH ONE OF
THE AMULETS
GRASPED IN
HIS HAND.



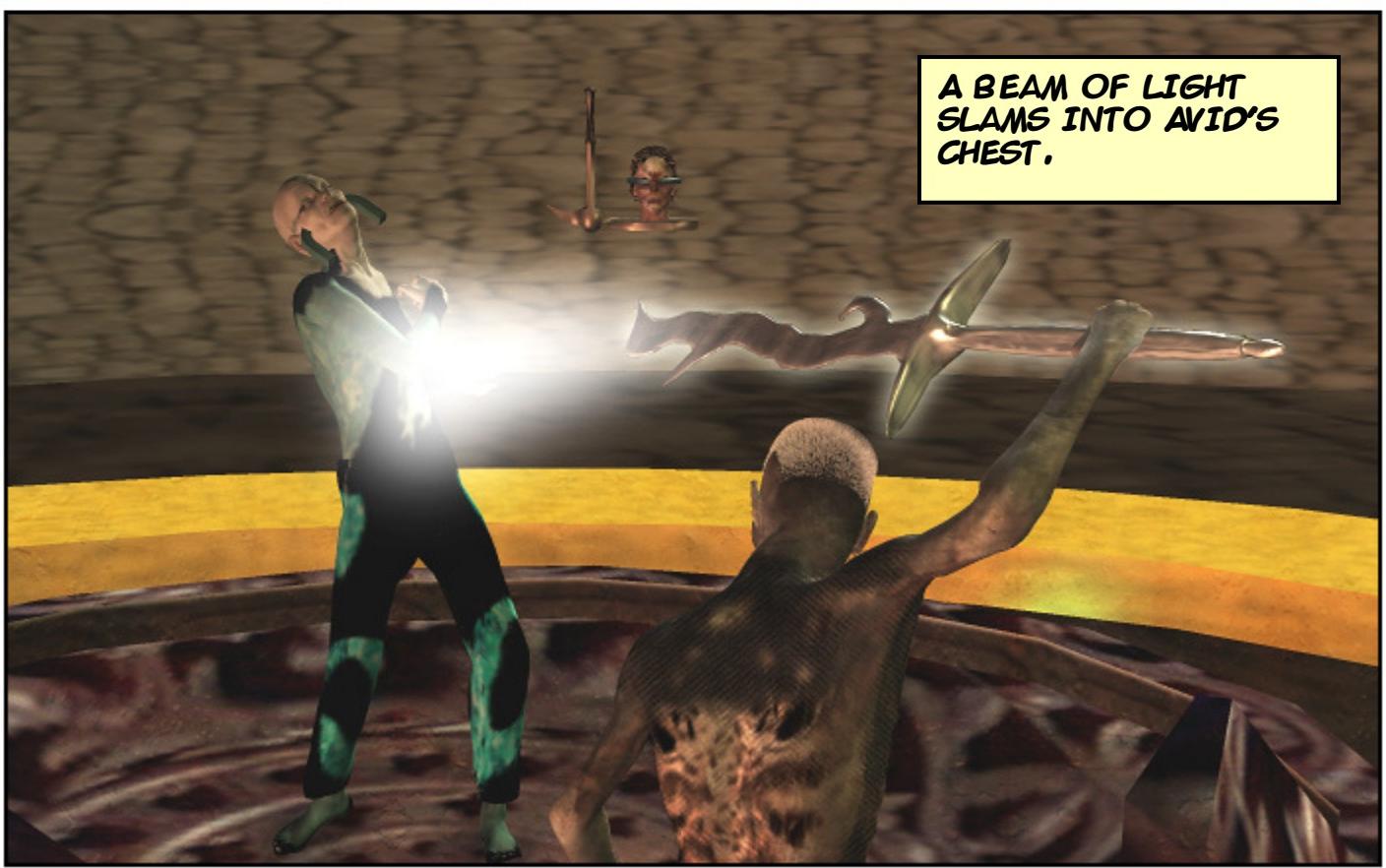
GIVE ME THE OTHER
AMULETS. I WILL LIVE
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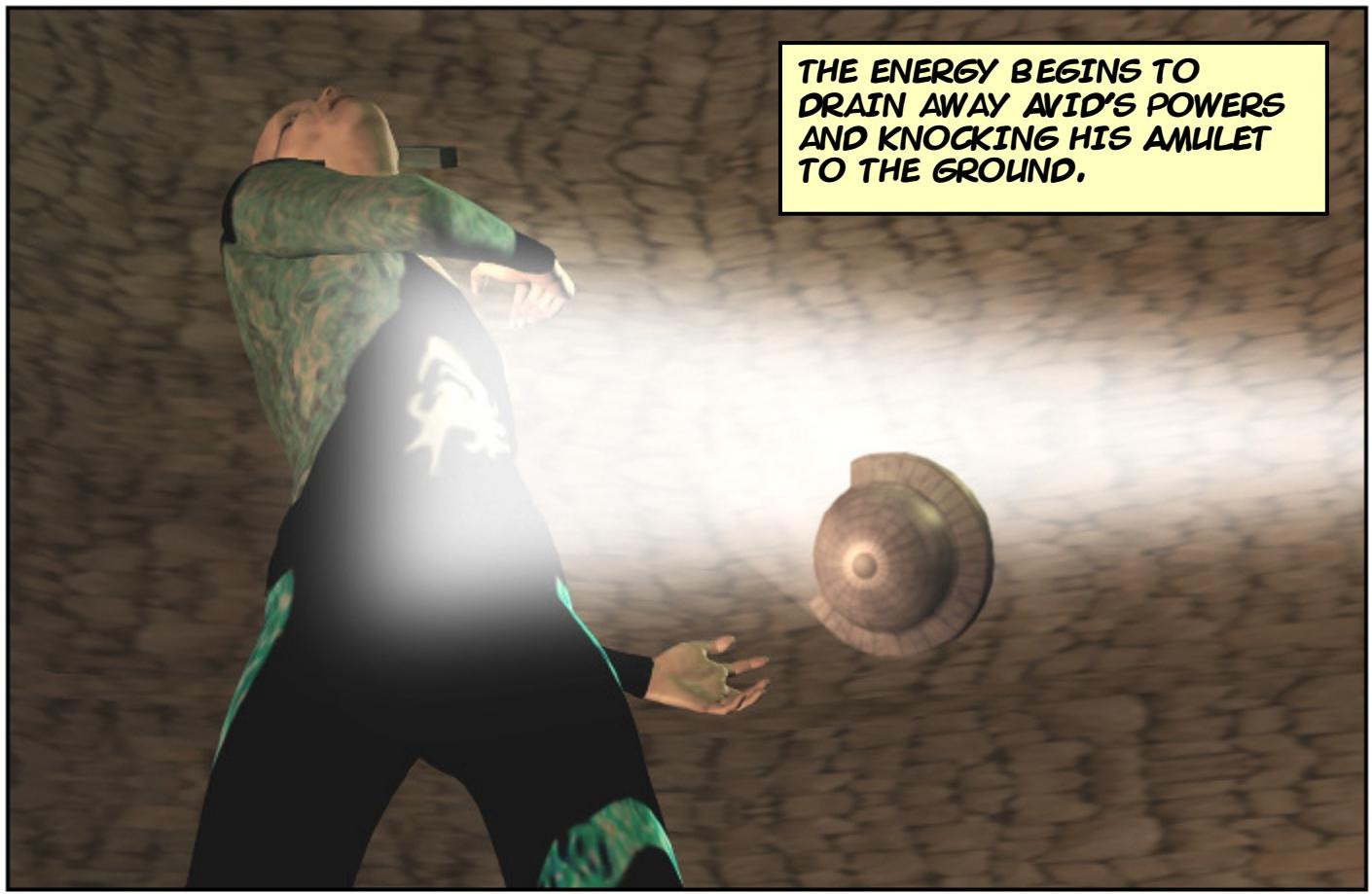




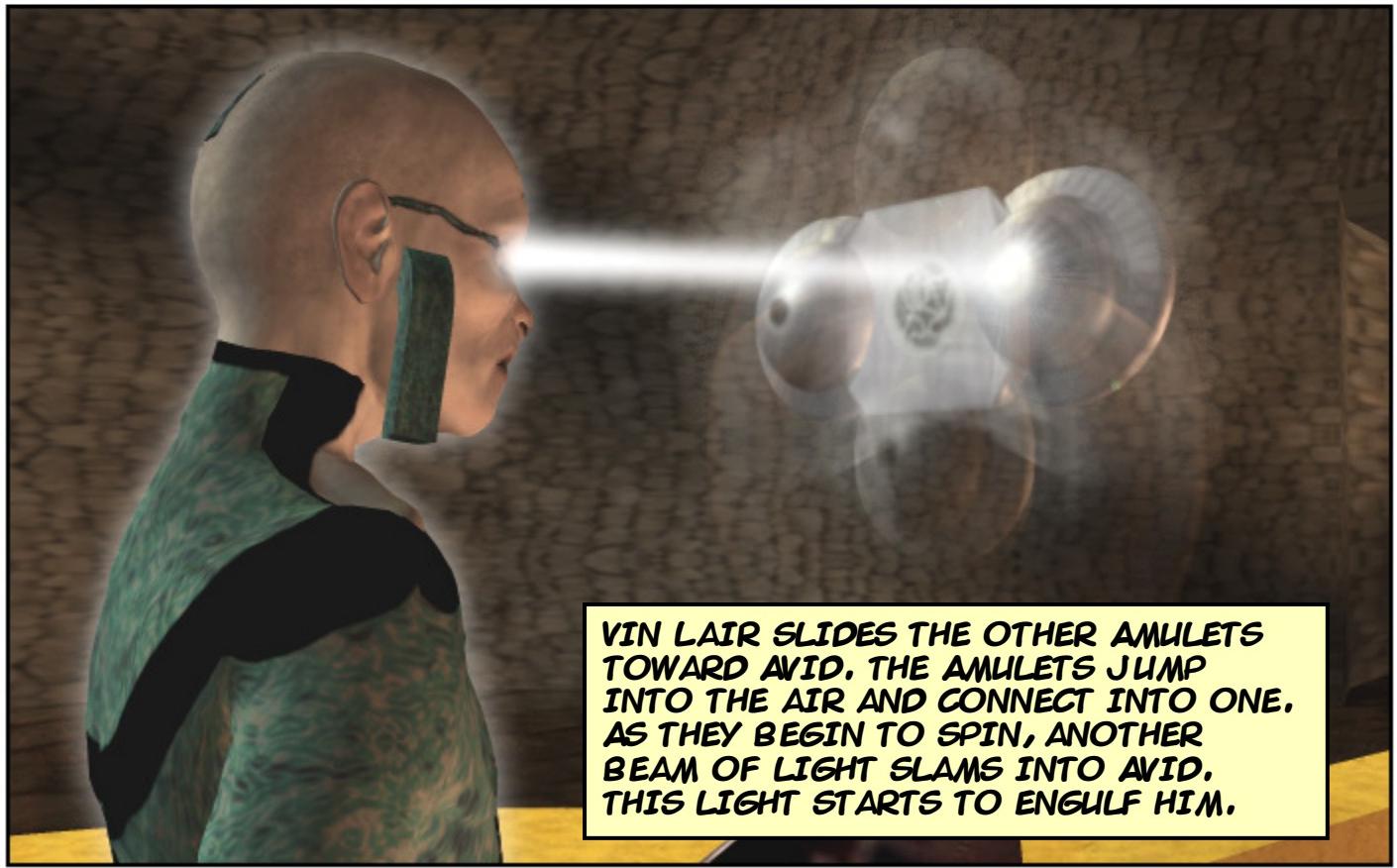
VIN LAIR POINTS THE
DARK SWORD AT AVID.

A BEAM OF LIGHT
SLAMS INTO AVID'S
CHEST.





THE ENERGY BEGINS TO DRAIN AWAY AVID'S POWERS AND KNOCKING HIS AMULET TO THE GROUND.



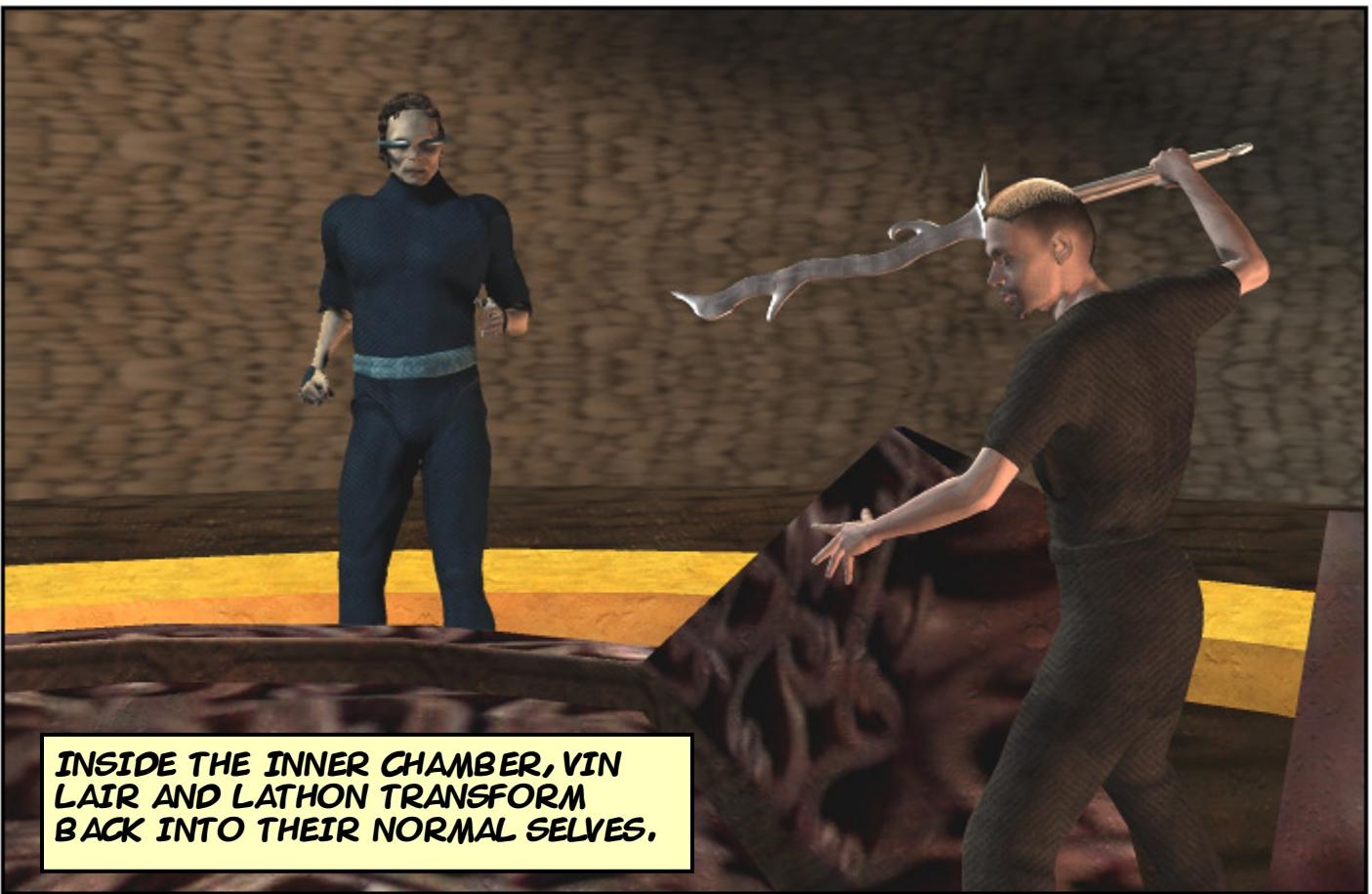
VIN LAIR SLIDES THE OTHER AMULETS TOWARD AVID. THE AMULETS JUMP INTO THE AIR AND CONNECT INTO ONE. AS THEY BEGIN TO SPIN, ANOTHER BEAM OF LIGHT SLAMS INTO AVID. THIS LIGHT STARTS TO ENGLUFH HIM.



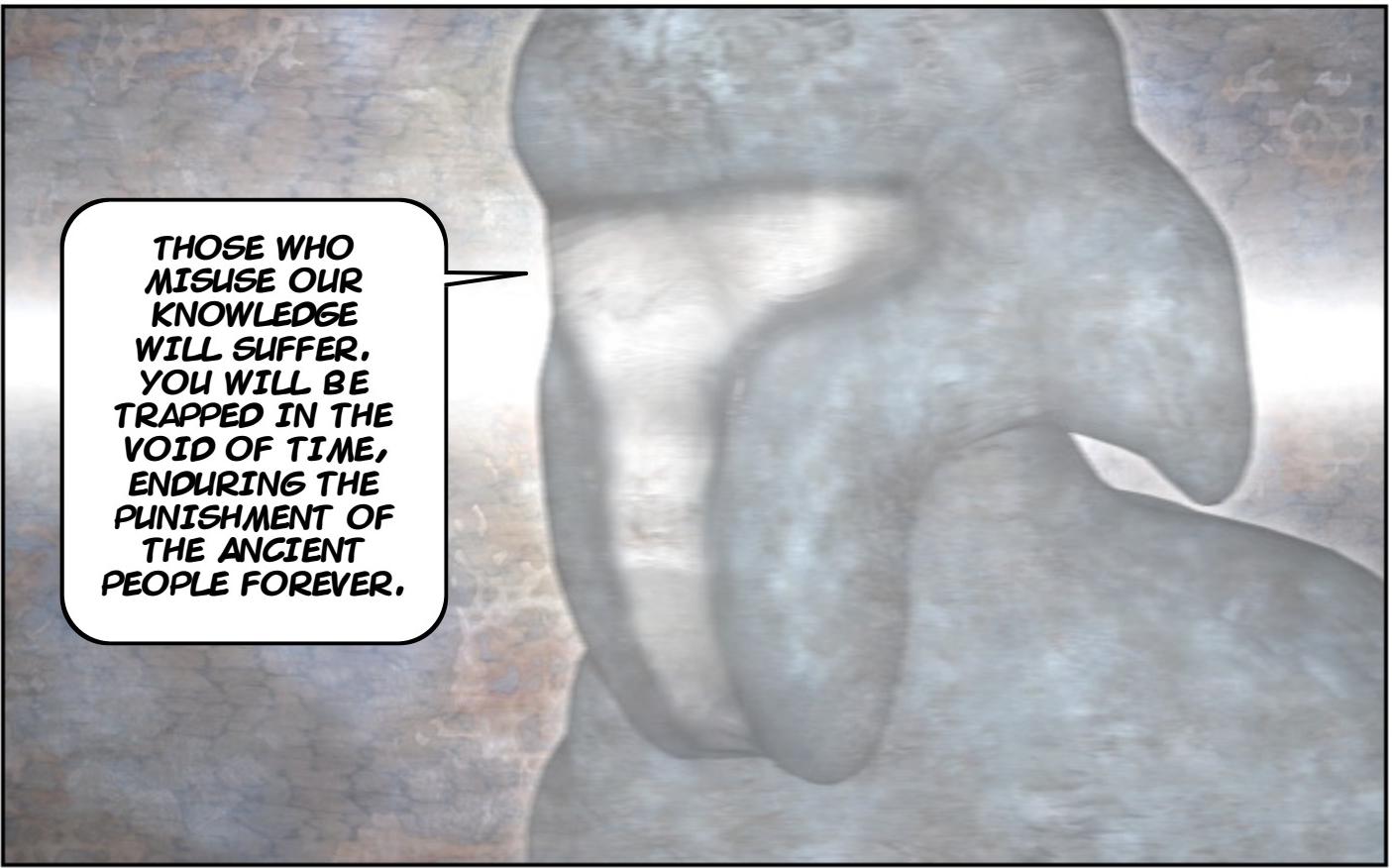
AVID FINDS HIMSELF INSIDE THE VOID OF TIME. HIS BODY HAS BECOME PARTIALLY TRANSPARENT.



THE MASKED LEADER FLOATS TOWARD AVID.



INSIDE THE INNER CHAMBER, VIN LAIR AND LATHON TRANSFORM BACK INTO THEIR NORMAL SELVES.



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